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Brisk turnout on 1st day

Early voters troop to the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe at during the first day of the early voting on Saipan yesterday. The Commonwealth Election Commission said the turnout was high on Saipan, but not on Tinian. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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» But it's slow on Tinian

The first day of the early voting on Saipan yesterday had a good turnout, but it was slow on Tinian, according to the Commonwealth Election Commission.

Several voters crowded outside the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe as soon as the polling place opened for early voting at 8:30am.

The process, however, was smooth and orderly. People would gather near the entrance to listen to a CEC officer's announcement for voters

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Japanese residents give away 4K castella balls

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In a bid to lighten the grim mood, Japanese nationals who have lived on Saipan for decades came together with their families to make and give away 4,000 pieces of castella balls, popularly known in Japan as baby castella, in the soccer pitch parking lot in Koblerville last Saturday.

Japanese tourist Yoshihiro Igawa and Old B Bank owner Naoki Oura prepare castella for distribution. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Around 200 cars lined up and 100 walked in to get their baby castella, which taste and has ingredients like pancake. In total, 700 people were served.

This sharing was a private effort on the group's part as

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Housing scarce after typhoon

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The strongest storm seen this year made landfall in the Marianas nearly two weeks ago, leaving the CNMI with a huge demand for housing with little to no supply.

Super Typhoon Yutu, a Cat-

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'Marianas needs expedited H visas for construction workers'

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) wants the U.S. departments of Homeland Security and Labor to expedite H visa applications for construction workers in light of Super Typhoon Yutu.

"We do not want a lack of construction workers to slow down our recovery efforts," Sablan said. "And expediting H visa applications, as I am requesting, in no way lessens our commitment to give preferential employment to U.S. workers."

The Marianas has access to an unlimited number of foreign workers entering with

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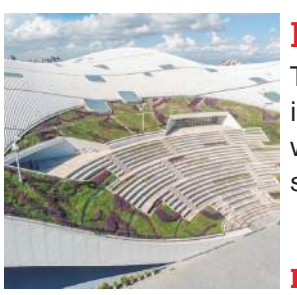

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4 Kiya grids on Saipan still have no power

The four Kiya grids on Saipan still have no power as the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues removing downed power poles, installing new ones, and straightening others.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho said yesterday that Kiya 1 to 4 were still offline.

Out of the nine feeders on Saipan, only three feeders—1, 4, and 7—are partially online or have power.

Under the Kiya 1 grid, CUC installed last week a total of 29 power poles from the Chalan Kiya substation going up to As Terlaje, and 16 power poles on Airport Road and 36 to Isley Field.

As of Monday, Camacho said crews continued erecting and straightening poles from Airport Road to the Isley area.

Crews also continued to sag double circuit, erect, and straighten wooden and concrete poles in the Northern Marianas College and Dandan areas.

Under Kiya 2 grid, four Koblerville water wells are ready to be energized, but crews continue to clear downed power poles and lines in the Dandan and Obyan areas.

Power crews continue to work on the double circuit at Kiya 2.

Under Kiya 3 grid, downed power poles and fallen transformers have been removed from Payless to J's Restaurant, and the collection of damaged transformers and removal of conductors from Eucon to Sugar King has been completed.

Under Kiya 4, downed power poles and hardware have been cleared at Mt. Carmel Cathedral and Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium areas. Clearing of downed power poles, transformers and conductors is ongoing from Susupe to Chalan Kanoa Texas Road areas.

On Tinian, Camacho said all feeders remain offline or have no power, while water services remain offline islandwide. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Tinian power and water energized, but offline

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While power and water has been energized and are ready for distribution, Tinian, however, remains offline.

In a news briefing Monday afternoon, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres noted that Tinian's power is up, but press secretary Kevin Bautista later clarified with *Saipan Tribune* that the laterals, which include the power poles that elevate the transformers, are not online.

"…[Tinian's] power is up already and their water is up already. That is the beauty of Tinian; although they have incurred more disaster, we have one generator there that powered up the water source, so they are able to get their water," said Torres on Monday, noting that Tinian to a certain extent is in a better position than Saipan.

In a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. status update yesterday, it said that all feeders on Tinian remain offline but station power in the CUC Tinian power plant is on from 6am to 6pm.

Bautista noted Monday that all power poles on the island is down due to Super Typhoon Yutu.

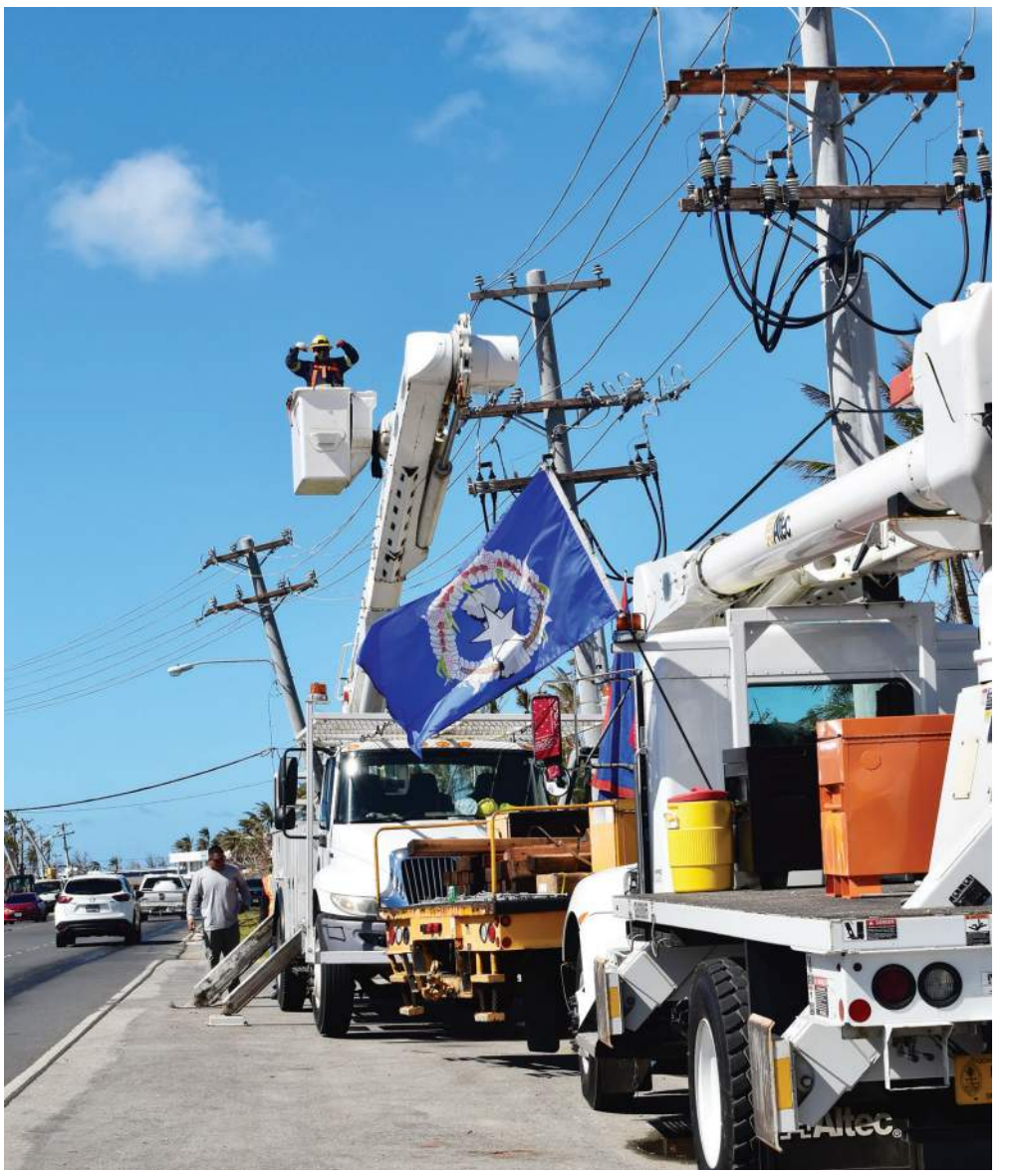
In its status update yesterday, CUC counted a total of 797 downed power poles, 105 transformers, and 294,240 linear feet of conductors on Tinian.

The power originating from the Tinian power plant could not be distributed without first running through power cables that then feed the electricity into the transformer, which "transforms" the voltage to a lesser wattage for safe consumption and is then distributed.

For water, CUC notes that islandwide water services also remain offline. However, the Marpo Valley Water Station remains open to the public for water from 1:30am to 5:30pm. The Maui II Pump Station remains operational and water is partially online in San Jose Village and partial areas in Marpo Valley, Carolina Heights, and partial areas in Marpo Heights 1 and 2.

CUC notes that a total of 16 water lines were repaired, four of which are main lines and the remaining are service laterals.

According to Torres, Tinian's support is "up to par" to Saipan. "…They are taking care of their water situation and damages."



Linemen from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and Guam Power Authority install power poles along the Kiya 1 substation.
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Docs sought on Community Chest Fund

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A private citizen has asked Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to provide records on how the Community Chest Fund, created by casino operator Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, was spent.

Jason Fitial, in the document sent by Orrin Pharmin through email, made an Open Government Act request with Torres to ask for the public records on how the Community Chest Fund, which supposedly has $60 million, was disbursed.

Fitial cited law to demand the records by Nov. 12, Monday next week.

Fitial questioned why the fund, which is controlled by Torres, is not being made available to help the victims of Super Typhoon Yutu in the CNMI.

Press secretary Kevin Babauta said that the Office of the Governor's legal counsel and the Office of the Attorney General is handling the OGA request.

Fitial is requesting for public records that details, verifies, and accounts for the salaries paid, expenses, and other financial consideration provided from the annual $20 million CCF that was promised by IPI.

Fitial said in his request that he is concerned about Torres' failure to have a backup plan in case the casino fails.

"Before Typhoon Yutu devastated the CNMI community, I expressed public concern at your failure to possess any known Plan B if—as many have expected and predicted—the casino operated by IPI/Best Sunshine imminently fails economically or, alternatively, files for bankruptcy in the CNMI or Hong Kong."

"With similar concerns, former governor Juan N. Babauta submitted to you, before Typhoon Yutu, on Oct. 23, an OGA request that you publicly disclose and provide public documents detailing exactly how you and your designees/subordinates directed to be spent and use the so-called CCF amounting to $20 million each year, which CCF monies IPI/BS has been obligated to provide to the CNMI government for public use/benefit over the past three years—those obligations, over that three-year span, totaling $60 million."

The Office of the Governor received Babauta's letter on Oct. 23. Fitial said Nov. 2 was the response deadline. "But you [Torres] have apparently been unwilling to respond…"

PH consulate to hand out relief aid

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, in cooperation with the office of Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio Arago, will be doing an initial relief distribution to Filipino nationals on Tinian today, Nov. 7.

A notice issued yesterday said this relief distribution will be on a first-come, first-served basis and is only for Filipino nationals on Tinian. Those availing of the relief distribution must present a photocopy of valid Philippine passport (data page/photo page of passport).

Relief distribution will be done at the Tinian Health Center in San Jose Village, starting at 11am. It was not immediately learned what the relief supplies will consist of but a past relief distribution consisted of a small amount of cash for each family.

"We appeal for everyone's patience and understanding. This relief assistance will be initially limited to 200 slots, hence relief distribution will be limited to one person per family/household to allow us to serve as many households as possible," the notice said. ***(PR)***

Kilili warns vs voter intimidation

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) made clear in a statement yesterday that voters can count on the full protection of federal law, if they are intimidated or coerced into voting against their wishes. And he encouraged any voter who believes they are being threatened to contact him or federal law enforcement authorities.

"I have received reports that voters—especially government employees—are being told to use their cell phones to take a picture of their ballot, so that they can prove they voted 'correctly," Sablan said.

"Voters who do not take a photo of their ballot or who did not vote for the candidates they were told to vote for are then at risk of losing their job.

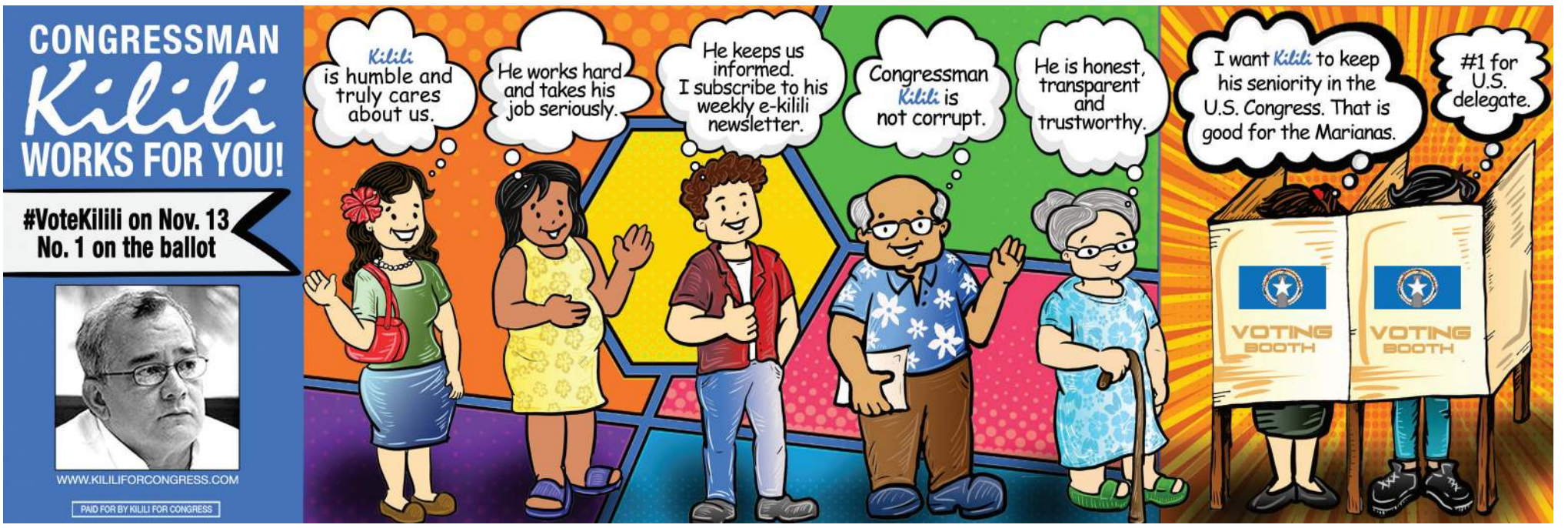
"With a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives on the ballot, this is a federal election," Sablan said. "And the kind of intimidation I am hearing about is a clear violation of federal law. Anyone who is willing to testify that they have been coerced in this way or brings me evidence of this kind of threat should know they will have the full protection of federal law.

"And anyone who is engaged in intimidating government employees or family members or any other voters should be on notice that they are in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, specifically 52 U.S.C. §10307(b).

"It may seem like a clever way to win hundreds of votes, but all it takes is one person to decide they will not be intimidated and to report the threat to law enforcement. Then what seemed clever suddenly means being on the wrong side of a federal prosecution."

The relevant section of the Voting Rights Act says that "[n]o person, whether acting under color of law or otherwise, shall intimidate, threaten, or coerce, or attempt to intimidate, threaten, or coerce any person for voting or attempting to vote."

Voters may also file a complaint directly with the U.S. Department of Justice at https://www.justice.gov/crt/complaint/votintake/index.php. ***(PR)***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many of them have lived on Saipan for a decade or more.

Yoshihiro Igawa, who has visited the CNMI many times in the past, came back to Saipan to participate in the Japanese Autumn Festival.

The festival, which was set last Oct. 27 at the Paseo de Marianas in Garapan, was canceled due to Super Typhoon Yutu. Igawa decided to stay to volunteer and support typhoon relief efforts, including the distribution of baby castella.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher Concepcion is thankful to Igawa.

"This was very kind of him and shows the longtime partnership the CNMI has with Japan," Concepcion said.

Concepcion said MVA also extends its gratitude to the Japanese expatriate community for Saturday's "fun and generous gift to the people of the CNMI."

"They brought laughter and delicious treats to our people in this time of need," he said.

These Japanese citizens, Concepcion said, have lived in the CNMI for over 10, 20, or 30 years and they call the islands home.

"They've built businesses and had families here. They did this out of their own pockets—all for our people. They extend their support to the people of the CNMI at this time," he said.

Concepcion urged people to thank "these fine individuals when they see them at their businesses or on the streets."

"Together we will get through this," he added.

Saipan Tribune learned that those who provided support at the baby castella sharing were Keiji Takeda of Marianas Trekking, Maiko Takahashi and Suguro Takahashi of Make Sure Saipan Dive Shop, Naoki Oura and Ayumi Oura of The Old B Bank, repeat visitor Yoshihiro Igawa, Shunsuke Katagiri and Mayumi Suzuki of Okadaya, Mariko Iwami of Zen Corp. Marine Sports Company, and Kana Wakasugi and Tadaaki Wakasugi of Aqua Gate Saipan Dive Shop.

Naoki Oura prepares baby castella with Mayumi Suzuki and Mariki Iwami observing.

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Naoki Oura prepares baby castella.

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Keiji Takeda, Maiko Takahashi, Naoki Oura, Yoshihiro Igawa, Suguru Takahashi, Shunsuke Katagiri, Mariko Iwami, and Kana Wakasugi pose after the distribution.

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HOUSING

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egory 5 typhoon that roared across the islands of Tinian and Saipan on Oct. 24, demolished several homes on the island of Saipan and left hundreds homeless.

Many of these displaced families have been desperately searching for homes but they are finding out that housing is scarce now more than ever.

With so many thousands rendered homeless by Super Typhoon Yutu, it has been particularly difficult for residents to find alternative homes.

In a telephone interview with Northern Marianas Housing Corp. office manager/procurement officer Jacob Muna, he affirmed the lack of alternative homes due to the widespread destruction of Super Typhoon Yutu.

In order to assist individuals who are in search of a homes in this difficult time, NMHC is asking home unit owners and companies to inform the corporation of any available units so that they can pass on the appropriate information to individuals who inquire about available housing.

As of now, Muña said that the corporation is limited to the help they can give in terms of housing because the waiting lists for their housing programs have been closed for months due to maximum capacity.

The corporation is now looking at partnering with housing unit owners to inform Yutu victims of any available homes.

In a public notice received from the corporation, the NMHC is seeking information on available rental housing units on both Saipan and Tinian.

The unit may be a single house dwelling or apartment unit.

The NMHC will be disseminating the information to the community on available rental housing units.

The vendor, company, or landlord is required to provide information such as company name, contact number, email address, number of bedrooms, number of available units, and amenities provided.

For any questions or concerns, Muna can be contacted 234-6866/9447 or 483-9447, you may also email him at officemanager@nmhcgov.net.

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to come inside whenever their precinct is called.

Outside the center, a few cars lined up for curbside voting in which CEC officers assisted people to vote inside their vehicles because of age or physical disability.

As of 11am, the turnout was high on Saipan, said CEC administrative officer Kayla Igitol.

"It seems like everybody wants to vote today," Igitol said.

She said they heard, though, that early voting on Tinian was slow.

Igitol said they have not heard from Rota yet.

Early voting will end on Nov. 12—a day before the general election.

Commonwealth Ports Authority board member Pete Reyes said he prefers to avail of the early voting, similar to what he did in the 2016 election, to avoid traffic and overcrowding during election day itself.

Reyes also opted for early voting because he is leaving for the Philippines on Nov. 13, the day before election day.

He noted that there were a lot of voters during the first day of the early election.

"This is good because now we can measure the strength of our party," said Reyes, who is a GOP adviser.

Milton Coleman, a 72-year-old retired government employee, said the CEC is efficient in implementing early voting as the process was fast and orderly.

Coleman said he also availed of early voting in the last election to avoid the crowd during election day.

Cecilia Lisua, 66, said she has a disability and that CEC officers helped her so the voting was fast.

Lisua said she failed to vote in the last election because she was in Palau.

Shin Jang, 63, said she and her husband voted early because they're leaving for Guam this week or next week.

Jang said she waited about 20 minutes outside the center, but when her precinct was called and she was allowed to enter the building, the voting process was fast.

VISAS

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H visas, because of Sablan's Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act. President Trump signed Public Law 115-218 on July 24. It exempts the Marianas from the national cap on H visas through 2029.

One particular type of H visa, H-2B, can be used to hire temporary workers. "Companies that employ construction workers cannot use H-2B visas under ordinary circumstances," Sablan said. "But when there is a special, short-term demand, as is the case now after this natural disaster, then the H-2B visa should apply.

"I have also asked Secretary Nielsen to confirm that reading of the law for us," he added. "Construction companies could then apply for visas with confidence. Although, of course, every application is judged on its own merits."

A construction company applying for an H-2B visa under this "peakload need" category would need to show that it regularly employs permanent workers in the Marianas and needs to temporarily supplement its permanent staff due to short-term demand. The company must also agree that the H-2B additions will not become part of the employer's regular workforce.

"H-2B visas are renewable for up to three years," Sablan said. "I know there is a lot of work to do after Yutu. I know people are still making repairs from Typhoon Soudelor three years ago, but three years is a significant amount of time. And, if a new H-2B visa worker needs to be brought in even after three years, that may be possible."

The Marianas also has access to foreign labor through the Commonwealth-only Temporary Worker program. CW permits, however, may not be used for new construction workers.

"The last thing we would want is for hundreds or thousands of new construction workers to scoop up CW permits and make life difficult for our local businesses," Sablan said. "We have seen that happen once before and it was a disaster."

Sablan made his request for expedited treatment in a letter to Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen and Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta. Acosta's Labor Department is responsible for issuing temporary labor certifications, the first step in the H-2B visa application process. Certifications are issued when there are not enough U.S. workers who are able, willing, qualified, and available to do the temporary work.

Sablan also used the opportunity to thank Nielsen and Acosta for the aid their departments are providing right now to the Marianas. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Coast Guard are both part of Homeland Security. FEMA reports it has 294 people currently in the Marianas and 1,207 support personnel. The Labor Department has sent an Occupational and Health Safety officer here and granted dislocated worker funds to pay to employ workers who lost their jobs because of the typhoon.

Labor is also assisting the Commonwealth establish Disaster Unemployment Assistance to help individuals impacted by Typhoon Mangkhut. FEMA initially denied unemployment assistance after Typhoon Soudelor, but intervention by Sablan prompted reconsideration; and the program was put into effect in 2015 based on Hawaii unemployment law. ***(PR)***

Nineteen members of the international Christian relief agency Samaritan's Purse, including a physician and three nurses, pose for a group photo after gettingt down from their DC-8 cargo aircraft at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport yesterday afternoon. Samaritan Purse's Mark Langham and John Freyle, who first arrived on Saipan Monday, met the 17 other members during their arrival at the airport. The North Carolina-based organization airlifted relief supplies to help Saipan and Tinian recover from Super Typhoon Yutu's devastation.

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Samaritan's Purse brings 4 medical professionals

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A religious group from North Carolina has brought four medical professionals and a planeload of emergency supplies to assist with typhoon relief on Saipan and Tinian following the destruction of Super Typhoon Yutu two weeks ago.

A group of 20 personnel from Samaritan's Purse arrived on Saipan yesterday afternoon, four of whom are medical professionals—one physician and three nurses—to provide medical aid along with relief assistance to shelters.

Over 30 tons of emergency shelter material, solar lights, water filtration units, and other necessities for relief were brought to Saipan aboard the organization's DC-8 cargo aircraft yesterday, which a representative of the organization notes should be enough for at least 5,000 families.

Mark Langham, team leader for the disaster response group on Saipan, noted that the scope of the damage that Saipan and Tinian sustained prompted the organization to rush here with humanitarian aid.

Langham noted that the group brought with them tarps for makeshift roofs; solar lights that double as USB chargers; and small water filters that can produce small amounts of purified water for consumption, among others.

"Our team, at our full complement, [numbers] 23," Langham told *Saipan Tribune*. "On this plane, I believe there is 17," he said, adding that some members are already on-island.

According to Langham, the organization closely follows all typhoons across the globe that forms before reaching out to government municipalities for permission to respond.

Initial reactions from Langham upon arrival were pretty good. He noted that the streets were "clean" and that it was a testament to the "hard work of the people who live here, the government services, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. military, and the non-profit organizations" that have been active here since Yutu.

"I was very pleased to see how much has been done. But then, as you drive to the south part of the island, you see the massive destruction," he said. "Your heart breaks for these homeowners who have lost their roofs and who have lost all of their possessions."

Langham noted that it was the first time Samaritan's Purse has responded to a disaster here on Saipan, and would soon head to Tinian to offer the same services.

The organization is headquartered in Boone, North Carolina, and has offices in 17 countries and ministry partners in more than 100 countries.

'Exercise your right to vote'

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is encouraging the voting members of the community to exercise their right to choose the leaders that would lead the CNMI in the coming years. The general election is set next week, Nov. 13, with early voting starting yesterday.

The elections were supposed to take place yesterday, Nov. 6, but Torres pushed it back for another week after the islands of Saipan and Tinian were pummeled by Super Typhoon Yutu last Oct. 24 and 25.

He said the Commonwealth Election Commission has a contingency plan in place starting from the early voting yesterday. "I'm encouraging everyone to exercise their right and vote."

"The CEC has everything covered. All the polling places and everything that we're looking at are in place. Our [power] restoration is a lot better and faster than what we had after [Typhoon] Soudelor [in 2015]."

Torres said elections are a way of grading the government. "We also want to get this election done so we could move on to recovery and continue with our restoration."

"Again, I encourage everybody to exercise your right to vote. [Voting] is the only way for us to measure the success of our government. … Whether you're on island or off island, please come out and exercise your right to vote… whether early voting or during the Nov. 13 election day."

In separate press briefing last week, Torres said he can extend the election again if they see the need to do so, with the priority being the recovery and relief efforts for those gravely affected by Yutu.

The CEC has already adopted new designated polling places to replace those that were damaged by Yutu. The Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center is the designated area for early voting that will end on Nov. 12, Monday.

Former governor Juan N. Babauta, who is challenging Torres for the CNMI's top post, along with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and his opponent Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) said they supported the decision to postpone the election.

The general elections were originally set on Nov. 6. Torres is up for re-election and he is running with Senate President Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan) as his running-mate. They are up against Babauta and former Education commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan.

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Army Reserve puts NMI needs ahead in typhoon recovery

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9TH MISSION SUPPORT COMMAND

An aerial photo on Oct. 28 shows a part of the southern end of Saipan, which was heavily impacted by Super Typhoon Yutu. Many residents in the south were displaced and continue to go without electricity and running water.

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Despite their own personal disaster and hardship, Pacific region Army Reserve soldiers are helping their friends and neighbors by joining the Indo-Pacific and Joint Region Marianas in Super Typhoon Yutu recovery.

The direct hit from the Category 5 storm devastated the CNMI. In 2015, many residents of Saipan felt they were not prepared for Typhoon Soudelor, which devastated the Mariana Islands, leaving many residents without electricity and running water for months.

Since then, residents have learned not to take these warnings lightly. But no matter how proactive they were this time around, nothing could prepare them for what was to come from the Category 5 storm.

Local and off-island soldiers with the 9th Mission Support Command continue to support local and federal government agencies in the ongoing recovery relief efforts in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yutu.

"Some of the primary missions that [Task Force West] are conducting right now are debris clearing operations for both the main roads and secondary roads," said Lt. Col. Bryan Klatt, the deputy commander for all U.S. Army Reserve soldiers in the Marianas. Klatt is also the commander for Theater Support Group – Detachment Marianas, 9th MSC.

Other missions the 9th MSC supports are reception of DoD personnel arriving and departing the airport and seaport, unloading and loading humanitarian disaster relief supplies upon arrival, and assisting with distribution of HDRs at the five locations, Klatt said.

Army Staff Sgt. Raymond Deleon Guerrero, like a dozen other native soldiers, voluntarily mobilized a few days after the storm to begin mission assignments. He serves as the platoon sergeant for about 50 soldiers assigned to the Saipan Mayor's Office and is a soldier with Echo Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Inf. Regt.

"The days are hot," Deleon Guerrero said as he described the daily duties for his team, which was evident from his sunburnt face and the tan markings left by his eye wear. "We report at six in the morning, do our accountability, head to the field, and end at around seven at night."

Since the start of the debris cleanup, his team, led by the mayor's staff, has cleared debris from the central part of the island, working their way to the southern end, which received the worst damage from Yutu. They separate the green waste, lumber and resident debris.

Many mobilized soldiers will not be doing their actual jobs, according to Klatt.

"We have infantrymen, quartermasters, military police and engineers doing debris cleanup," Klatt said. "It is going to be a lot of manual labor, clearing routes, ensuring the people of Saipan have the ability to get in and around the island." Like thousands of residents here, Deleon Guerrero, his wife and four children were heavily impacted by the storm.

"We lost our entire house," Deleon Guerrero said. "The entire roof got blown away. Most of the stuff inside it got damaged."

He, along with other displaced locals, continue to take refuge with extended families, neighbors, or at temporary public shelters.

"The house we are in now…it hasn't been occupied in a while," Deleon Guerrero said. "Some of the kids would take one of the camping tents and sleep outside because it is too hot."

They do not have power, running water, or a generator, he said. Deleon Guerrero said his family is resilient, which is why he chooses to work rather than stay home to do cleanup there.

"My wife has gone through two deployments with me, so she's pretty much got it," he said. "We set up a system where I can work, and she can take care of home in this type of situation. At the end of all this, we will have to rebuild our home, so I have to make the money for the family."

Despite all of this, Deleon Guerrero comes to work determined to complete the mission. The soldiers and local citizens are what keep him going each day, he said.

"The feeling is unique out there…when you hear a lot of these civilians saying, 'thank you,' 'we really appreciate it,' some of them break down in tears when they see us," Deleon Guerrero said.

For Klatt, who has responded to other natural disasters in the U.S., being a part of this operation is amazing.

"I am honored to be working with such motivated and big-hearted soldiers and to be a part of this," Klatt said. "I find it keeps my energy level up day-to-day to continue these long hours to help our folks because I know there is some real need here. I really feel like we are doing something super important here."

Service members from Joint Region Marianas and Indo-Pacific Command are providing Department of Defense support to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' civil and local officials as part of the FEMA-supported Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts.

PUBLIC NOTICE

15th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.
Board of Education Conference Room, Building 1241
Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

AGENDA[1]

I. Preliminary
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
   a. September 28, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
   b. October 03, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

II. Public Comments[2]

III. Reports
1. Chair
2. Board Committees
   a. FPA
   b. SARC
3. Commissioner of Education
   a. Early Head Start Program Option
   b. Request to Extend Liquidation Period

IV. Unfinished Business
1. Commissioner of Education

V. New Business
1. Schools and Facilities CIP Damage Assessment Update
2. Project Serve Extended Grant Proposal
2. Certification and Licensure Report No. 2018-011

VI. Executive Session[3]
a. Legal Updates
b. Personnel/Certification
c. Other matters

VII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

VIII. Adjournment

[1] In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.
[2] Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[3] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Guam Guard helps move equipment to Saipan

The Guam National Guard began loading heavy equipment onto the USS *Ashland* yesterday afternoon for transport to Saipan to continue relief operations in the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu.

This is the first time that an operation of this kind took place between the two services. The heavy equipment include loaders, dump trucks, an excavator, maintenance vehicles and water buffaloes to Saipan.

The Guam Guard currently has over 100 soldiers, which were transported via military aircraft, assisting with more than 100 airmen preparing for departure within the next week. ***(PR)***

CUC advisory on generator back-feed

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to remind residents using generators to ensure that their main breaker on their home panel is turned off and for generators to not be used to energize streetlights to prevent any electrical back-feed. This poses a danger to the line crew and severe injury and death can result from these incorrectly installed generators.

■ Do not use generators without the proper electrical switches. All generators should be connected through a double throw switch to protect your property and the line crews working on the system.

■ Incorrectly connected generators can cause a back-feed through secondary wiring back to the overhead transformer whereby re-energizing the overhead system to 7,970 volts.

For more information, contact the CUC Help Desk or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporationf). ***(CUC)***

Saipan SDA School in session

Classes have been in session for the Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School since Nov. 5, 2018. The school is open from Monday to Friday, from 8am to 3pm. Slots are available for elementary level. For inquiries, call the school at 234-7326. ***(PR)***

IT&E helps CNMI recover from Yutu destruction

HARMON, Guam—In the aftermath of the devastation of Super Typhoon Yutu, residents of Saipan and Tinian confront damaged or destroyed homes, lost personal belongings, and the trauma of surviving a major disaster.

Rose Soledad, IT&E's CNMI general manager, said that no one on Saipan and Tinian is unaffected. "Some have even been left with nothing," she said. "But we're resilient. We will overcome. Despite our individual hardships we're all determined to work as a community to support each other and help each other recover. The road ahead may be long and challenging, but as one, we can rebuild the Marianas stronger than ever."

During and immediately after the storm, IT&E provided support to first responders by increasing internet capacity at the headquarters of the NMI Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office and providing power banks for responders for free.

Afterwards, IT&E partnered with community groups as they organize and carry out relief missions. The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter received free phones to assist with communications vital to organizing and distributing resources to help rebuild the lives of those affected in Saipan and Tinian.

IT&E associates assist with clearing debris following Super Typhoon Yutu .IT&E

From left, Natashia Tomokane, IT&E marketing services supervisor, and Janice Tenorio, IT&E Customer Services manager, present Fire and Emergency Management Services Commissioner Claudio K. Norita with phones to assist with communications in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yutu. IT&E

The Salvation Army received portable Wi-Fi devices to support their task of providing hot meals and much needed services to local residents without power and limited access to drinking water.

Marianas Young Professionals received free phone and internet services for its Disaster Recovery Center, where residents can get food and supplies.

Staying connected

IT&E's network withstood the storm's most intense wind and rain. Most subscribers never lost service during the storm.

Technicians are now working to restore the remaining sites that are down. As of this statement, five sites on Saipan are under maintenance. Sites on Tinian were severely damaged, and technicians are conducting assessments for repair.

To ease the stress of subscribers as they focus their resources on things that need their immediate attention, IT&E has extended the October, November, and December payment due date for all CNMI accounts to Dec. 31, 2018. Suspension has been postponed to Dec. 31, 2018 as well.

All postpaid subscribers received an extra 5 gigabytes of data for free and all prepaid daily plans and data top-ups were 50 percent off until Oct. 30. Home phone subscribers can make calls without power as long as they have a corded phone.

Charging stations are in service at IT&E's Chalan Laulau store parking lot for residents to charge phones and mobile devices. The Chalan Laulau store is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

The TSL Plaza location is also ready to assist customers from 9am to 5pm, as the power supply allows. The Tinian store remains closed until further notice. Subscribers can find up to date information about IT&E store hours on its Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.

In Guam, both IT&E subscribers and associates are doing what they can to help those affected by Super Typhoon Yutu.

Subscribers will be supporting relief and recovery efforts from now until Dec. 31 via a text-to-donate line. Funds raised will go to the American Red Cross to support its relief and recovery efforts.

Guam's associates have personally donated water, non-perishable food items, toiletries, batteries, containers, and other necessities to be distributed to fellow associates on Saipan and Tinian. IT&E shipped the first container full of the donations to the islands on Oct. 31, 2018, with another container scheduled to arrive soon.

"IT&E remains fully committed to supporting relief and recovery efforts and will continue to find ways to help the people of the Marianas recover," the company said in a statement. ***(PR)***

Probationer gets 4 months in prison for drinking beer

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has revoked the release of a probationer who tested positive for alcoholic drinks.

Manglona found on Friday that Hermanny Palacios Santos Jr. did violate the conditions of his supervised release.

Manglona sentenced Santos to four months in prison and 32 months of supervised release.

Santos is required to undergo drug testing and perform 43 hours of community service, among other conditions.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe did not oppose the U.S. Probation Office's recommendation to impose a four-month prison term on Santos.

Santos is allowed to start serving his prison term on Nov. 16.

U.S. probation officer Gregory F. Arriola said that Santos admitted to consuming seven cans of beer last Oct. 27 and leaving his house.

At the hearing, Robert Torres, counsel for Santos, informed the court that Santos will admit to the two violations.

In 2016, the court slapped Santos with a 21-month prison term after he pleaded guilty to two counts of felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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MVA, Jeju Air host Russian travel agents, media

Media familiarization tours to the Marianas have resumed in the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu with Korea's "Law of the Jungle" filming in Tinian and Rota over the last several days and more familiarization tours anticipated after the re-opening of the Francisco C. Ada-/Saipan International Airport on Nov. 15, 2018.

Banking on convenient flight connections from the Russian Far East to the Marianas via Seoul, the Marianas Visitors Authority and Jeju Air also recently organized a familiarization tour for Russian travel agents and media.

The eight-member tour group visited Tinian, Rota, and Saipan on Oct. 17-21, 2018, to survey a wide variety of activities available for visitors.

"We were very pleased to organize this [familiarization] tour in cooperation with our airline partner Jeju Airline and to share our beautiful Marianas with travel agents who work closely with the airline and sell tours to the Marianas and media representatives," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Travel agents had a busy schedule of hotel inspections to create and propose the best options for Russian tourists traveling to the Marianas, while the media representatives were creating photo- and video-content for intensive promotion of the destination on SNS, online and offline media sources. Russian visitors are important to the Marianas, and we warmly welcome them, especially during the winter months!"

Russian media representatives visit Rota on Oct. 19, 2018, on a familiarization tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Jeju Air.
MVA

The media representatives included a blogger, a photographer and a journalist from Vladivostok, who will encourage high media coverage of the destination's advantages in SNS and other media sources and whose photos and videos will be added to the MVA promotional library.

Accompanied by MVA marketing specialist Hillary Agulto and Social Media marketing specialist Rizza Janairo, the group had an opportunity to explore the beautiful nature, historical sites, museums, and other tourist sites during extensive tours of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Stops included the Northern Mariana Islands Museum of History & Culture, American Memorial Park, Grotto, Kalabera Cave, Managaha, historic World War II north field, and House of Taga on Tinian, the Cave Museum on Rota, other historical sites and monuments, and more. The group also enjoyed a sunset cruise aboard the *Jade Lady*, the Garapan Street Market, and the Joyful Cultural Dinner Show at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Participating travel agencies were PrimClub, Laguna, and Biletur. Participating media outlets were a travel journalist from Siberian Travel Portal, an Instagram blogger and a photographer from the Tass media agency. ***(MVA)***

Russian travel agents visit the Cave Museum on Rota on Oct.18, 2018.
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Russian media representatives visit the Cave Museum Rota on Oct.19, 2018.
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Russian media representatives visit the House of Taga on Tinian on Oct.18, 2018, on a familiarization tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Jeju Air.
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Russian media representatives visit the Northern Mariana Islands Museum of History & Culture on Saipan on Oct. 20, 2018.
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BANK OF GUAM DONATES TO PCC

The Bank of Guam donated $5,000 to the Palau Community College 2018 Endowment Fund last Oct. 30, 2018. BoG vice president/Palau branch manager David Sablan, along with Kliu Kangichi, presented the check to Palau Community College president Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. The PCC Endowment Fund is a savings fund for future programs and services of the college and has been saving donations since 1993; its ultimate goal is to raise $10 million.
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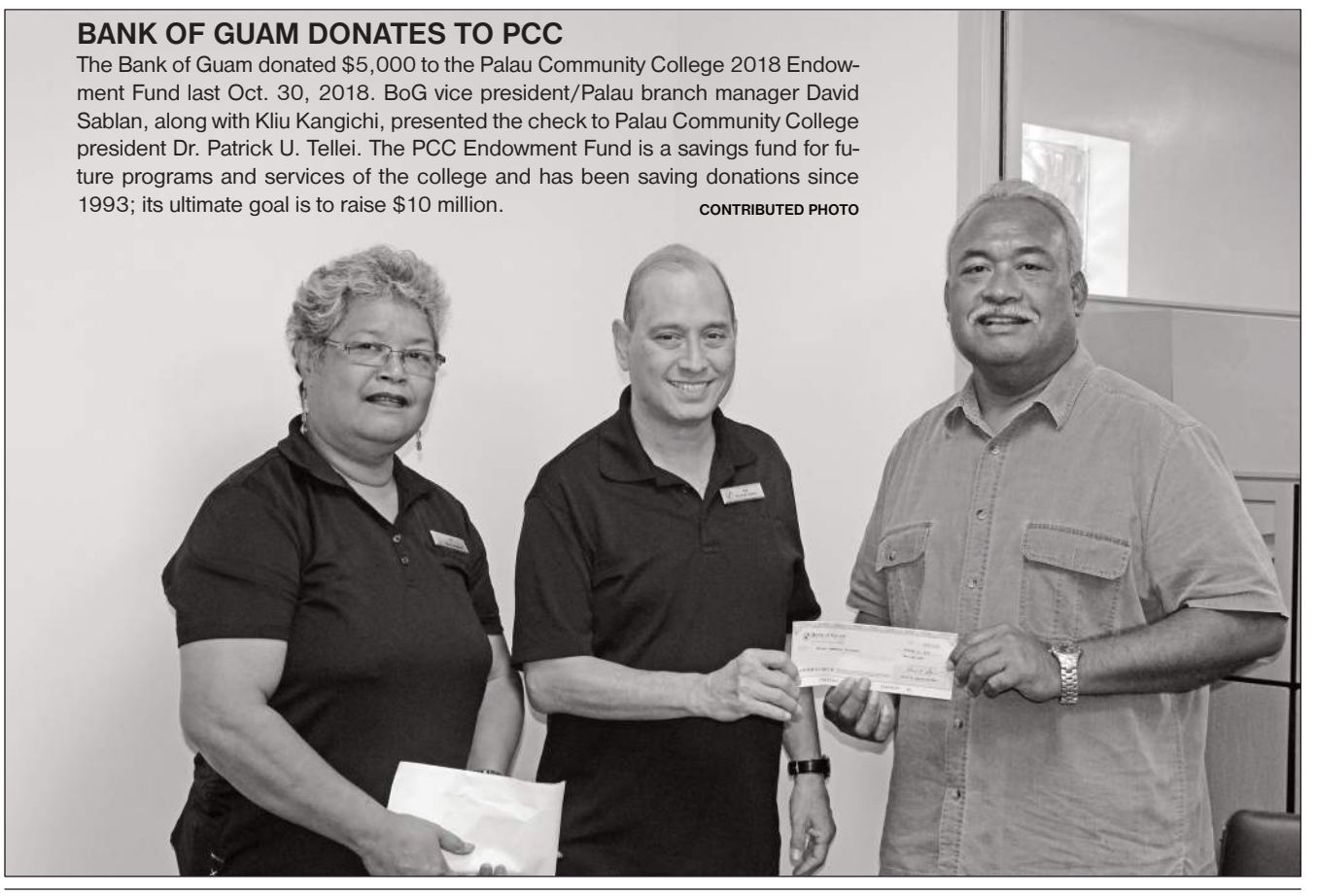

Super typhoon recovery updates at SCC meeting

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce invites all business community members to its monthly membership meeting today, Nov. 7, from 11:30am to 2pm at Hyatt Regency Ballroom.

Due to the massive impact of Super Typhoon Yutu on the CNMI community, the Chamber is inviting partnering agencies from the local and federal government to give recovery updates to the business community.

Agencies that have confirmed participation include the Small Business Administration, which will discuss its low-interest loans; the CNMI Department of Labor, to discuss the displaced workers grant; the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to give general recovery updates.

There will also be information about forming partnerships with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Institute for Sustainable Development, and the International Economic Development Council as well as a local Business Community Recovery committee in the works.

Interested Chamber members and guests will have an opportunity to participate in a business recovery breakout session following the meeting, from 1pm to 2pm. The Chamber hopes to identify needs and solutions to best support local business establishments post-Typhoon Yutu.

The Chamber will also be electing members of its board of directors for 2019-2020. The candidates include Donna Krum (Friends First Marketing), Janel Pangelinan (Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc.), Jim Arenovski (Delta Management), Joe Guerrero (Bridge Capital), Kevin McCale (Docomo Pacific), Marcia Calvo (Calvo's Insurance), Ron Smith (Angil Design), Shayne Villanueva (Aon Insurance), and Tyrell Pauling (Hyatt Regency Saipan).

All candidates have been active members of the Chamber for the past year, have attended 20 percent of general membership meetings in 2018, and have been active in one or more official Chamber committee and in our business community. The official board will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Lunch will be open at 11:30am and the meeting will begin promptly at noon. The Chamber wishes to extend a one-time disaster relief price of $20 per member and $25 per non-member. The public is welcome to attend. Chamber members are invited to RSVP to administrator@saipanchamber.com or call (670) 234-7150.

The Chamber is the largest business membership organization in the CNMI, with over 160 members. For more information, like the Chamber's Facebook Page: Saipan Chamber of Commerce or visit its website at www.saipanchamber.com, or call (670) 234-7150. ***(PR)***

Displaced residents moved to longer-term site

The CNMI government, in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, CNMI Public School System, and the American Red Cross, are providing transitional shelter assistance for displaced residents who are currently residing in some of the initial shelters opened since Super Typhoon Yutu.

Transitional sheltering relief offers a more long-term accommodation for displaced residents who may require more time for recovery and restoration of their personal residence.

Displaced residents who are currently sheltered at Marianas High School, DCCA Office on Aging (only overflow of population), Oleai Head Start, and Dandan Head Start will be transported by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority to the new opening of the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School facility today, Nov. 7, at 1:30pm. The first round of shelterees being transported to GTC will begin at 1:30pm. All shelters with the exception of Office on Aging will be closing their doors by 6:30pm this evening.

The transitional sheltering relief program has many benefits:

Comfort:

- More consistent power generation
- Air conditioning
- Continued meal and water distribution daily
- Reliable water supply

Space:

- Additional living space for each family member, including additional cots for bedding
- Mobility:
- Free transportation accommodations provided daily

COTA: Every two hours from 8am to 4pm from GTC to the villages in efforts to continue recovery and home restoration for displaced residents.

Residents are encouraged to contact their shelter manager to ensure all members of their family are accounted for, and to ensure special accommodations such as healthcare needs are met.

"We care about shelterees' comfort and want to offer them and their family support," said the Torres administration in a statement yesterday. "If shelterees have any questions or concerns regarding the transitional sheltering relief program, they can approach their nearest shelter manager.

"We thank everyone for their patience and cooperation as we journey through this recovery period together." ***(PR)***

NMHC updates

The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. will be open from Monday to Friday at the regular hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm until further notice. You may now contact NMHC at the following numbers: (670) 234-6866/9447/7670.

Charging station and computer use

The NMHC has set up a charging station for cell phones, laptops, and small handheld electronic devices. A computer with internet access is also available to everyone to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance. The allotted time to avail of our charging station and computer is from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

Home Loan Program

NMHC home loan clients are being informed that NMHC will automatically defer your loan payments for up to three months. Clients needing more time after the three months will need to submit a written request to NMHC to extend the deferment period.

Housing Choice voucher program

The Housing Choice voucher program (also known as the Section 8 program) landlords are encouraged to expedite the repair of their units to allow the clients to move back into the units. The existing clients (tenants) of the Housing Choice voucher program should inquire with their landlords about their rent share for deferment. NMHC is not allowed to negotiate with the landlord to defer rent share payments. ***(PR)***

CNMI government hours

- **Saipan**: All government offices on Saipan resumed regular operational hours starting yesterday, Nov. 6, from 7:30am. to 4:30pm. Government personnel not engaged in first-responder activities or emergency relief and recovery efforts are directed to report for work at their normally scheduled times.
- **Tinian**: As of yesterday, Nov. 6, operating hours of government offices were to be set at the discretion of the Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas.
- **Rota**: Resumed normal working hours on Oct. 31, 2018.

All non-critical personnel, who cannot make it to work must notify their immediate supervisor and apply for personal leave. ***(PR)***

Financial assistance to dialysis patients

The American Kidney Fund has opened its Disaster Relief Program to dialysis patients in the CNMI.

The Disaster Relief Program provides financial assistance for up to $125 for each dialysis patient that was affected by Super Typhoon Yutu.

To request for financial assistance, eligible dialysis patients must complete an application form. Completed requests should be emailed to patientservice@kidneyfund.org or faxed to (301) 881-0898. For questions, you can contact AFK at 1-800-795-3226.

If you are a dialysis patient at CHCC and need help filling out the application forms, see its renal social workers, Chrislaine Pangelinan or Bridget Mahoney at the Dialysis Unit or call them at (670) 236-8303. ***(PR)***

Info sought on available rental units

The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. is seeking information on available rental housing units on Saipan and Tinian.

The unit may be a single house dwelling or apartment unit. The NMHC will be disseminating the information to the community on available rental housing units.

The following information is needed from the vendor, company, or landlord: Company name; contact number; email address; number of bedrooms; number of available units; and amenities provided (e.g., refrigerator; stove; etc.).

If you may have any questions or concerns, contact Jacob Muna, office manager/procurement officer at (670) 234-6866/9447 or (670) 483-9447, you may also email him at officemanager@nmhcgov.net. ***(PR)***

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña pose with representatives of agencies and organizations that are helping in the recovery efforts of Saipan and Tinian after a news briefing last Nov. 5, 2018, in San Antonio.

PSS recovery updates

The Public School System continues its collaboration with the Army Corps of Engineers, the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the American Red Cross. With the damage assessment completed, the focus shifts to restoring power and water to schools, cleaning campuses, fixing repairable classrooms, and identifying temporary facilities to ensure that all schools are operational as soon as possible for the students.

PSS maintains a conditional opening target for all Saipan and Tinian schools within seven weeks. As soon as a school is deemed safe and operational, classes will resume.

The school year will be adjusted accordingly for each school based on the school resumption date. Some schools will implement a double session schedule with four hours of instructional time allotted for each morning and afternoon session.

Furthermore, some schools may need to relocate or share campuses. Temporary structures will be added to some school sites to accommodate the student population.

Sufficient transportation resources are readily available to support these conditions. The public will be immediately notified of details as plans are solidified.

Public Schools on Rota currently continue normal operations.

Withdrawals

For parents or guardians of minors or students over the age of 18 wishing to withdraw from PSS, visit the Office of the Commissioner of Education, located on Capital Hill, Building 1211, from 9am to 3pm, beginning yesterday, Nov. 6, 2018. Withdrawals will be processed through this central location until further notice.

Transfers and new enrollment

PSS is not entertaining transfer requests or permitting new enrollments until all schools within the district have resumed.

Distance Education

All branches of Distance Education are temporarily suspended. This impacts students currently enrolled in the Student eLearning Gateway as well as staff completing coursework for students and personnel will be announced when plans are solidified.

Shelters

Shelter residents continue to receive non-potable water that is delivered on a regular basis through the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Shelter residents are provided with meals three times daily by the American Red Cross. Drinking water is also made available daily. PSS has coordinated activities for the children living in the shelters, offering morning and afternoon opportunities. Provisions for Shelter Residents are jointly coordinated through collaboration with the Emergency Operation Center.

In coordination with partners, long-term shelters have been identified. Three PSS campuses are identified are as follows: Kagman Elementary, Tanapag Middle School, and Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will publish more information regarding the transitional plan for the long-term shelters.

PSS staff

All 190-day certified employees are not to report to work until further notice. All non-certified staff have begun reporting to work. In collaboration with FEMA, PSS is coordinating assessment of its personnel needs. More information will be broadcasted internally.

PSS hours

Until further notice, Central Office hours are from 8am to 3pm.

Additional Information

For information, visit the Office of the Commissioner of Education on Capital Hill, Building 1211 or call 664-3845 or email info@cnmipss.org. You can also visit the CNMI PSS Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/cnmipss/.

Public advisory

The public is advised not to visit school campuses on Saipan and Tinian for safety reasons as continuing assessments, cleaning, and repairs are underway. ***(PR)***

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EDITORIAL

At finish line of 2018 campaign, opportunity for a new start

The election is here. Anxiety festers. Our national cultural and political tribes are at war. Many Americans feel something has gone very wrong with the country they love.

Channeling the national turmoil, one prominent political leader steps forward and declares:

"This time vote like your whole world depended on it."

Many Americans today agree. And in a way, they're right. There is an awful lot at stake on Tuesday.

The speaker then was Richard Nixon. It was 1968. He was running for president. And our nation, then as now, was in combat with itself.

The contours are rough but similar. Left and right squaring off from their ever-hardening corners, shouting but never listening. Growing economic inequality undergirding the political battles. Racism, overt or subtle, infecting the debate. And immigration—the demonization of people with brown skin allegedly preparing to invade from the south and commit havoc on Americans, especially women—now substituting for real concerns of 50 years ago about rising rates of crime and violence.

So we've seen this before. Then and now, for or against, it's been a motivation to vote. Because none of us walks into a polling place alone. We bring with us our hopes and dreams and frustrations and disgust and ideals and enthusiasm and biases, all of it shaped in some way by the rhetoric—some truthful, some not—of the candidates who seek our approval.

At the center of the conversation is President Donald Trump. He appears on no ballots but animates nearly every debate with his fact-challenged invective and shrewd if crude political salesmanship.

For some voters, the election is about providing the moral guardrails that Trump refuses to abide by, or let stand.

For others, it's a chance to ratify a strong economy and believe that the president will preserve the identity of the country as it was more than a half-century ago.

Do you vote to keep the House of Representatives in Republican hands to move Trump's agenda forward? Or do you vote for Democrats to provide oversight of his administration, a check against his worst impulses, and the spark to move forward on health care, infrastructure and other issues?

Some voters are concerned about pocketbook issues, like a tax cut that went largely to wealthier people and which curtailed their ability to deduct state and local income and property taxes on their federal returns.

Some are appalled at the mailing of pipe bombs to Democratic leaders and Trump critics, seeing it as an attack on free speech and a turn to violence as ways to address politi-

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Caring for vets should be national duty

By CHRISTOPHER DALE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Day will be
filled with solemn pride in
the heroism of those who died
in the country's service and
with gratitude for the victory,
both because of the thing
from which it has freed us
and because of the opportunity
it has given America to show
her sympathy with peace and
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In advance of this year's Veterans Day, on Nov. 11, the legions of men and women who have served in our nation's military received some welcoming news: Congress finally agreed to fund the VA Mission Act, which since its June passage had been mired in budgetary disputes.

Announced on Sept. 11—an appropriate date—the arrangement sets aside more than $200 billion to improve the health care services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Tales of delays and deficiencies, including long waits and poor access to proper care, have plagued the VA since injured vets started returning from Afghanistan and Iraq following 9/11. Last fall—16 years after the War on Terror began—the VA was still flooded with serious complaints about patient care; earlier this year, concerns about doctor shortages made headlines.

It's these issues that the VA Mission Act seeks to address. The law makes it easier for veterans to access covered care through non-VA service providers, who may be more convenient in terms of expedience, distance or quality of care.

The law's primary principle is simple: Those injured while serving in the military should not need to jump through hoops for quality medical care.

The law also provides incentives for recruiting new doctors to the VA, including an attractive education debt-relief initiative and specialized training in afflictions most likely to impact veterans, such as PTSD and painkiller addiction.

It's a terrific start, but the law has shortcomings. For starters, despite settling the summer-long financial squabble, Congress failed to deliver a long-term funding solution for the law's historically high (though completely necessary) revenue requirements.

But the law's greatest disappointment is its narrowly defined view of caring for our injured veterans.

Tens of thousands of men and women have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan with permanent physical handicaps and deep emotional scars—wounds they will be coping with for the rest of their lives. Many need assistance outside the doctor's office, including finding suitable employment in an economy that, though humming for many, is far from ideal for individuals with disabilities, whose unemployment rate is more than double the national average.

Truly comprehensive care would not only fix the VA but expand it to empower injured veterans with economic opportunities, peer-to-peer engagement, and group-centric mental health programs that utilize injured veterans' greatest tool for overcoming battle-born trauma: each other.

Of course, nonprofit organizations like the Wounded Warrior Project have been offering these life-affirming tools for well over a decade. But why should it be up to private charities to take care of those who battled and bled for their country?

In a political landscape where we can't seem to agree on anything, it's likely that anyone—Democrat or Republication—would be challenged to find a single service provided by charities like the Wounded Warrior Project that doesn't deserve the full financial backing of the U.S. government.

We shouldn't have to pull on the heartstrings, and purse strings, of strangers to care for wounded war veterans in the United States. Their care should be provided, in full, by the American people.

The VA Mission Act is a step in the right direction, but we can—and should—go further by expanding the definition of what caring for injured veterans means. Our wounded veterans deserve not only exemplary healthcare, but all the tools they need to re-assimilate into civilian life despite missing limbs or shattered psyches. And to provide them what they are so obviously owed, the wealthiest country in the world should be relying on funding, not fundraising.

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Julian Assange's slide into dirty tricks

By VIRGINIA HEFFERNAN
Los Angeles Times

Not long ago, Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, was considered a lionhearted champion of civil liberties and government transparency.

In 2007, he helped expose human rights abuses at Guantanamo Bay. In 2009, Amnesty International gave Assange one of its Media Awards for exposing a police massacre in Kenya.

In 2010, he was Time magazine readers' choice for Person of the Year. In 2011, he won the Martha Gellhorn Prize for Journalism. An article in Forbes in 2012 likened him to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and called his detractors "cowards." In 2013, he won the Yoko Ono Lennon Courage Award for the Arts.

In fact, before Assange was known for his romance with the Kremlin, and his shady contacts with scurvy Trumpites like Roger Stone and Donald Trump Jr., he was a punk idol, a hacker god. For years, he seemed like an opener of governments who could disinfect the Earth with the sunlight of his tech virtuosity and his eccentric radiance.

But, like many online high-fliers of the aughts, Assange lacked a moral imagination equal to his skills as a technologist. Instead he soared along—a Byronic heartthrob to budding anarchists—on that era's mandate: Do it for the lulz.

Over the past decade, the lulz—the laughs—have curdled.

When it synced with investigative journalism, exposing the Pentagon's sometimes grave misconduct in Afghanistan, Iraq and Cuba, that was one thing. But to hook up with Russian oligarchs and military intelligence to embarrass one American political candidate on behalf of another—that's not lulz.

That's deputizing yourself to an actual authoritarian regime, the kind that a hacker like Assange used to be committed to exposing.

It's not that Assange broke bad. It's that he was never doing any of this on principle. He was driven by snickers and spite.

The expose of Assange as washed up and sold out also spells the end of the old bacchanal on the internet, when its back offices and seedy speakeasies were a happy home for pranksters and poltergeists. These guys were young; they were heedless; and they mostly wanted to show they could pick any lock, pull down anyone's pants and make the girls cry. Whether they were villains or heroes only depended on who was doing the crying.

In 2008, when Assange was the new toast of the left, he published email obtained by a 4chan hacker from then-vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin's personal Yahoo account. The hacker might as well have rummaged through Palin's fridge or sock drawer. The email, like old socks, was entirely forgettable. After Assange later leaked diplomatic cables, Palin called him "an anti-American operative with blood on his hands."

But Palin's anger at Assange cooled in 2016 when WikiLeaks published what turned out to be Russian-hacked emails from the Democratic National Committee and John Podesta, Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman. Palin did a 180 and apologized to Assange.

"Important information," she said in a blog post, "that finally opened people's eyes to democrat candidates and operatives"—was that Podesta's risotto recipe?—"would not have been exposed were it not for Julian Assange."

Assange used to say his caches of documents were just dry facts and evidentiary exhibits. Journalists and everyone else could make of them what they would.

It's not just dry facts when you cherry-pick from mostly banal documents—like the DNC, Palin and Podesta emails—for max innuendo. Or when you time your revelations down to the minute for max partisan impact.

On Oct. 7, 2016, precisely one hour after Trump could be heard on an "Access Hollywood" tape announcing his policy of arbitrarily mauling women's crotches, WikiLeaks dropped the Russian-hacked Podesta emails, and conned the media into taking them seriously. It was a signal example of the moral flexibility and bothsidesism that plagues us to this day.

And it's not just dry facts when you apparently collaborate in all this with intensely interested parties: a hostile foreign power, Russia; and Trump buddy Roger Stone, high priest of political dirty tricks.

Assange's hosts at the Ecuadorean Embassy in London have had enough of him. Last week, they laid down some house rules—mostly about unpaid bills, bathroom cleanliness and kitty litter management—and

Assange responded by taking them to court for mistreating him.

Perhaps neither the pro-Russian, anti-centrist American left nor the pro-Russian, anti-centrist American right will stand by Assange much longer. Or will they?

It's always possible that the Assange still captivates the imagination of enough romantic anarchists that he'll slip the knot of public condemnation once again. In topsy-turvy times, far left and far right seem to agree: Anyone who storms American institutions is a boon to either cause.

That sentence wouldn't have parsed to our grandparents. Even today, it sounds like nonsense from 4chan. But it's not.

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cal differences.

Some are reeling from the slaughter of 11 worshippers in a Pittsburgh synagogue, and hateful words online that apparently inspire such evil acts.

Some worry about the caravan of desperate migrants from Central America, and the threat to jobs and safety they might pose. Others are upset that our military is being massed on the border to stop them, with instructions from the president to treat stones thrown by marchers as firearms.

As partisans rage, many voters are sickened by the relentless attacks. Some candidates even have called their opponents traitors. The toxicity rivets attention like a bad auto accident but does more damage—important legislative work goes undone, trust in government is further eroded and our nation's reputation is harmed around the world.

New York has rancor and bullying, too. And Long Island is the epicenter of that partisan fierceness. Tribal wars are in our regional DNA. This campaign has been worse than most.

That's because control of the State Senate is at stake. If the Democrats net the one seat they need to take over, they will enjoy single-party rule of state government. That likely will hinge on races on Long Island.

Republicans trying to hang on have invoked fear, with dark warnings about New York City Democrats taking charge. The GOP promises to be a block. Democrats promise to move the state forward. The negativity in some races has been repellent, more so than usual. Further muddying the scene are backroom deals by party bosses to rig races—Republican voters in Suffolk County, in particular, need to be careful about reflexively voting for judges on the Conservative line; they really might be voting for a Democrat.

It's not a pretty picture, here or nationally. It's left many voters exhausted. We hope it doesn't keep you from voting Tuesday. We know that the enmity will be part of the process. But we hope it inspires you to vote for something better, not more of the same.

As we wallow in our bile, a more hopeful model will be seen in another tradition unfolding Sunday—the New York City Marathon. More than 50,000 runners from across the nation and more than 100 countries will pound streets lined with 2.5 million spectators. It's typically a display of diversity, unity and celebration—a vision of the very best of us.

Take that vision into your polling place, too.

Your world could depend on it.

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Whatever happens today, democracy is banged up but not broken

By JASON GRUMET
CQ-Roll Call

Jason Grumet is founder and president of the Bipartisan Policy Center.

The nation's view on our democracy has always been a unique contradiction of cheering, wailing and disinterest. The shining city on the hill is also a swampy snake pit. The world's greatest deliberative body is hopelessly corrupt, and the land of opportunity is completely rigged. While opinions vary, the dominant sentiment today is understandably bleak.

According to a recent bipartisan poll, half the country believes we are in "real danger of becoming a nondemocratic, authoritarian country," and over two-thirds of respondents believe democracy is growing weaker by the day. The more optimistic view points to the numerous crises we've weathered over the past two centuries and maintains an abiding belief that the structure of the democracy is essentially self-correcting. Public sentiments careen left, right, bold, fearful, populist, elitist, inclusive and uncharitable, yet somehow our democratic society serves as ballast that keeps us afloat despite churning seas.

It takes little effort to describe the despair that has dominated the news over the past few weeks. But as we look to Tuesday's election, it is important to recognize some positive dynamics that should encourage us all to stand in line and embrace our banged-up but not yet broken democracy.

Engagement by millennials is up. In the latest Millennial Impact Report, Americans between the ages of 22 and 36—soon to be America's largest generation—self-reported higher rates of community engagement and activism over the past two years. They're volunteering more, attending rallies and working on campaigns, and generally more involved in their communities.

Workplaces have actually become more civil. Despite growing concern about incivility in America, a recent survey by Weber Shandwick, Powell Tate, and KRC Research found that 81 percent of Americans feel tough issues can still be discussed in a civil manner. And nine out of 10 Americans consider their own workplace to be civil, a marked increase from the same poll in 2016. (We can only hope that this polite political discourse extends to Thanksgiving dinners across America.)

More women are running for office. Women presently make up only 20 percent of the current Congress. Tomorrow, 22 women who won their party primary will compete in one of the 35 Senate contests. In House races, 235 women are competing for office. All these achievements are historic highs and should make the next Congress look a little more like the people who voted for it.

While the above trends are all encouraging, the key to a healthy participatory democracy is participation. The most significant test of our democracy is not who wins but who votes. Over the past 10 midterm election cycles, an average of 39.9 percent of eligible voters have cast a ballot. This percentage has been surprisingly consistent over 40 years despite dramatically different political climates and candidates. The high-water mark for midterm turnout occurred in 1982, with 42.1 percent participation, and a low of 36.7 percent was recorded in 2014.

The public clearly appreciates the significance of this election. A recent PBS-NewsHour poll found that 98 percent of both Democrats and Republicans think the upcoming midterms are either important or very important. The question is whether on balance that voter intensity translates into bringing new people to the polls or if the passion and fury discourages participation by those who are simply fed up with the fight.

If a spate of divisive races and cacophony of negative ads has left you with little enthusiasm for any of the candidates, consider this 170-year-old insight from Alexander De Tocqueville: "Democracy does not give the most skillful government to the people, but it does what the most skillful government is powerless to create; it spreads a restive activity through the whole social body, a superabundant force, an energy that never exists without it."

It is my great hope that at least 42 percent of the American electorate channel this restive energy and vote. If turnout reaches 45 percent, a superabundant force will be on display and it will be a great day for American democracy.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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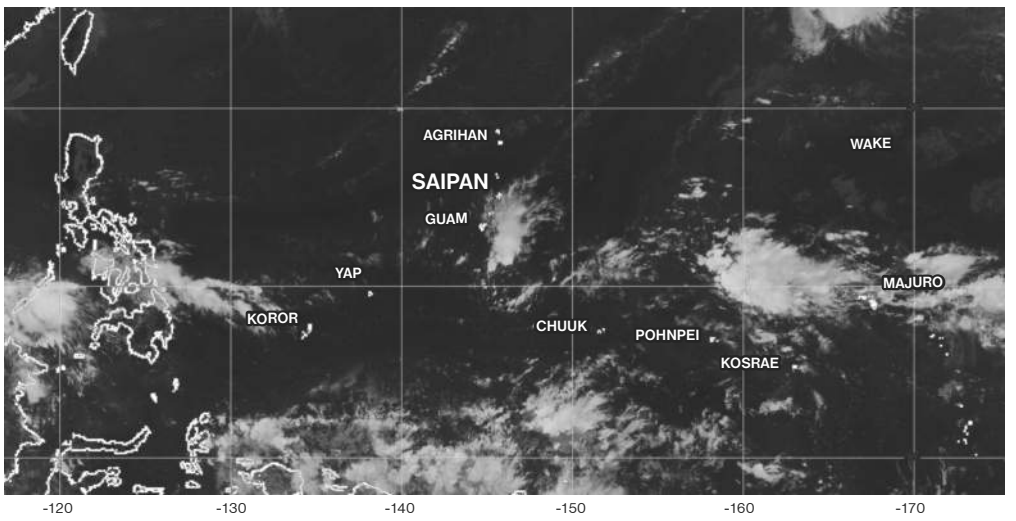
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:42 AM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper level trough over the Marianas and a slight increase in moisture has triggered some showers and thunderstorms over the area this morning. Thunder was added to the forecast through the morning hours. Guidance suggests that the thunderstorms will decrease by afternoon and we will return to just isolated showers. Drier air is supposed to move in for the balance of the day into tonight which will hopefully preclude more thunder. However, the upper trough remains in place so will have to watch for additional development. A weak disturbance will bring more clouds on Thursday. Guidance has backed off the increased chance of showers, but it still looks like there will be some showers around and the scattered showers are not far away, so will continue to monitor Thursday for any changes. Beyond Thursday, much drier air moves in for the end of the week into middle of next week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	70° / 59°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	57° / 32°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	82° / 72°
Honolulu	Showers	84° / 73°
London	Rain	55° / 45°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	76° / 58°
Manila	Showers	90° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	63° / 46°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	82° / 77°
New York	Mostly Sunny	61° / 45°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	73° / 63°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	64° / 46°
Busan	Rain	68° / 55°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	66° / 54°
Salem	Thunderstorms	74° / 57°
San Francisco	Sunny	65° / 51°
Seoul	Sunny	64° / 37°
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	66° / 57°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	62° / 45°

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01:17 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.01
07:33 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.89
1:26 PM	LOW TIDE	0.70
6:58 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.03

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Thursday	6:15 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:15 AM	5:45 PM
Saturday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Sunday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	5:35 AM	5:37 PM	-
Thursday	6:29 AM	6:22 PM	-
Friday	7:23 AM	7:08 PM	-
Saturday	8:17 AM	7:56 PM	-
Sunday	9:10 AM	8:45 PM	-

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:15am	9:55am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

– temporarily suspended

7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:35am	8:25am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

– temporarily suspended

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

– temporarily suspended

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

– temporarily suspended

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

– temporarily suspended

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:15am	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA105/183	6:25pm	9:50pm	2, 4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UA117/159	9:15am	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA105/159	6:25pm	11:00pm	2, 4 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
UO43	5:40am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:11am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

7C3452	9:35pm	2:00am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3452	10:05pm	2:00am+1	1

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/174	12:40am	8:11am+1	3, 6 via GUM
PR110/UA174	10:05pm	8:11am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/174	10:30pm	8:11am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

UA116/174	11:45pm	8:11am+1	2, 4, 6 via GUM
UA116/174	11:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 5 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX07	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Business

Jittery investors await outcome of midterm elections

AP
In this Oct. 10, 2018, file photo a voter casts their ballot at the Hamilton County Board of Elections on the first day of early voting in Cincinnati.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The midterm elections are certain to have implications for Wall Street, regardless of how they shape the balance of power in Congress.

That's because in every scenario there could be winners and losers in key sectors of the market, including banking, pharmaceuticals, companies that would benefit from government infrastructure projects and those that rely on healthy consumer spending, analysts say.

The scenario deemed most likely by recent polls and analyst projections has Democrats regaining control of the House of Representatives and Republicans keeping control of the Senate. The odds are longer for Republicans or Democrats emerging with majorities in both chambers.

"Divided government equals gridlock," said Terry Haines, head of US policy and political analysis at Evercore ISI. "Gridlock is a good thing for markets because markets like certainty."

Here's a look at how the market might react to the different scenarios:

SPLIT DECISION

In the scenario where Democrats regain control of the House, major policy initiatives from the White House will be dead on arrival. Compromise could be difficult, especially if the Democrats move to impeach President Donald Trump.

But Democrats might find common ground with the GOP in some areas. Agreement on an infrastructure bill could give a boost to construction equipment and transportation companies. And legislation to control drug pricing would likely be a drag on pharmaceutical company stocks.

A Democrat-led House could also lead to heightened oversight and investigations of big banks and Wall Street firms, which could weigh on financial sector stocks.

The possibility of a government shutdown also increases with a divided Congress, according to a report from UBS on the potential impact of the midterm elections. That could unnerve investors. The S&P 500 slumped nearly 20 percent during the government shutdown that occurred during Congress' 2011 debt ceiling impasse.

THE BLUE WAVE

The odds of the Democrats taking both houses of Congress have diminished of late, possibly to the relief of Wall Street.

In this scenario, Democrats could push to shore up the Affordable Care Act, but any move to reverse the Trump administration's hefty tax cut on corporations or its steady rollback of government regulations on businesses could be fruitless in the face of Trump's veto.

"With this in mind, this election is really about how dysfunctional Washington will be for the second half of President Trump's first term," Mike Ryan, chief investment officer, Americas, for UBS Global Wealth Management, noted in the company's report.

MORE OF THE SAME

Should Republicans remain in control of Congress, it's likely the Trump administration will try to make the personal tax cuts included in last year's reform package permanent. Also, on the possible to-do list: reforming entitlements, more easing of government regulations on banks and other businesses and perhaps tackling the issue of drug price controls, according to the UBS report.

If the GOP extends its majority, there also could be a push to lower capital gains taxes and enact an infrastructure spending bill.

The midterms add to the uncertainty that has buffeted the market for the past month.

After a solid third quarter that saw records for the S&P 500 and Dow Jones industrials, stocks have swooned on fears that rising interest rates and the U.S. trade dispute with China could undo some of the benefits of the GOP tax cuts and eventually squeeze corporate profit margins. October snapped a six-month winning streak for the S&P 500, giving the benchmark index its worst monthly loss in seven years.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

China's Xi promises market opening as import fair begins

SHANGHAI (AP)—President Xi Jinping promised Monday to open China's growing consumer market wider at an import fair meant to help defuse complaints Beijing abuses the global trading system. But he offered no response to U.S. and European complaints about technology policy and investment curbs. The China International Import Expo is part of efforts to develop China-centered trading networks while resisting pressure to roll back industry plans that Washington, Europe, Japan and other governments say violate its market-opening obligations. "It is our sincere commitment to open the Chinese market," Xi said in a speech to a VIP audience that included Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev. Xi promised to cut costs for importers and improve consumer spending power to help boost imports. The president made no mention of the standoff with U.S. President Donald Trump over Chinese plans for state-led development of technology industries. But in an indirect reference to Trump's "America first" policies and threats of import controls, Xi appealed to other governments to "jointly safeguard free trade."

Eurozone ministers urge Italy to respond to budget demands

BRUSSELS (AP)—Eurozone finance ministers urged Italy on Monday to respond to European Commission demands for a new budget plan after the EU's executive wing rejected Rome's original spending package. The commission supervises EU countries' budget plans and said it considered the blueprint for next year submitted by Italy's populist government to be out of line with rules and Rome's promises to lower public debt. Portugal's Mario Centeno, who chaired the meeting of ministers from 19 nations sharing the euro currency, said he hoped Italy would take steps to bring the plan "in line with our fiscal rules." At the end of the meeting, the finance ministers threw their weight behind the demand for Italy to change its plan. French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said: "We share the evaluation of the European Commission. Above all, the European Commission is extending a hand to Italy and I would like Italy to grasp that hand."

Amazon mum on reports it will split new headquarters

NEW YORK (AP)—Online leader Amazon Inc. has refused comment on reports that it plans to split its new headquarters between two locations. The Wall Street Journal and New York Times reported late Monday that the company would locate the new facilities in Queens in New York City and in the Crystal City area of Arlington, Virginia. A company spokesman said Tuesday that Amazon would not comment on "rumors and speculation." An update from the company is expected soon. The Wall Street Journal said the main reason for having the two facilities is to recruit enough tech workers. It also would relieve demand on housing, transportation and other issues. The newspaper cited a person familiar with the matter. It said the online retailer apparently plans to have 25,000 employees in both cities.

How 'net neutrality' became a hot-button issue

NEW YORK (AP)—For a fundamentally nerdy subject, net neutrality is pushing a lot of political buttons.

The latest salvo is over a California law that restores a ban on cable, wireless and other broadband providers from impeding people's ability to use their favorite apps and services. The federal government had rescinded that ban, and the Trump administration is seeking to block California's effort as an imposition on federal prerogatives.

Though net neutrality started off more than a decade ago as an insight into how to make networks work most efficiently, it has taken on much larger social and political dimensions lately. The issue has emerged as an anti-monopoly rallying point and even a focus for "resistance" to the Trump administration.

"Any time the cable companies and the Trump administration are on one side, it looks good for companies to be on the other side," Boston Law School professor Daniel Lyons said.

But the idea hasn't always been political or partisan. Net neutrality traces back to an engineering maxim called the "end-to-end principle," a self-regulating network that put control in the hands of end users rather than a central authority. Traditional cable-TV services, for instance, required special equipment and controlled what channels are shown on TV. With an end-to-end network like the internet, the types of equipment, apps, articles and video services permitted are limited only to imagination.

And the internet subsequently grew like nobody's business — largely because it wasn't anyone's business.

But as internet use expanded, so did the power of the big companies that offer internet service to the masses. It became clear that they could, and sometimes would, restrict what people did. The Associated Press found in 2007 that Comcast was blocking or slowing down some file-sharing. AT&T blocked Skype and other internet-calling services on the iPhone until 2009.

Law professor Tim Wu, now at Columbia University, coined the term "net neutrality" in 2003 to argue for government rules that would prevent big internet providers from discriminating against technology and services that clashed with other aspects of their business. Allowing such discrimination, he reasoned, would choke off innovation.

STOCK PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
25,461.70	2,738.31	7,328.85
+190.87	+15.25	−28.14
+0.76%	+0.56%	−0.38%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

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British Pound	0.7665	Indian Rupee	72.3357	Singapore Dollar	1.3752
Canadian Dollar	1.3117	Japanese Yen	113.3470	South Korean Won	1092.93
Chinese Yuan	6.8002	Malaysian Ringgit	4.1305	Swiss Franc	1.0047
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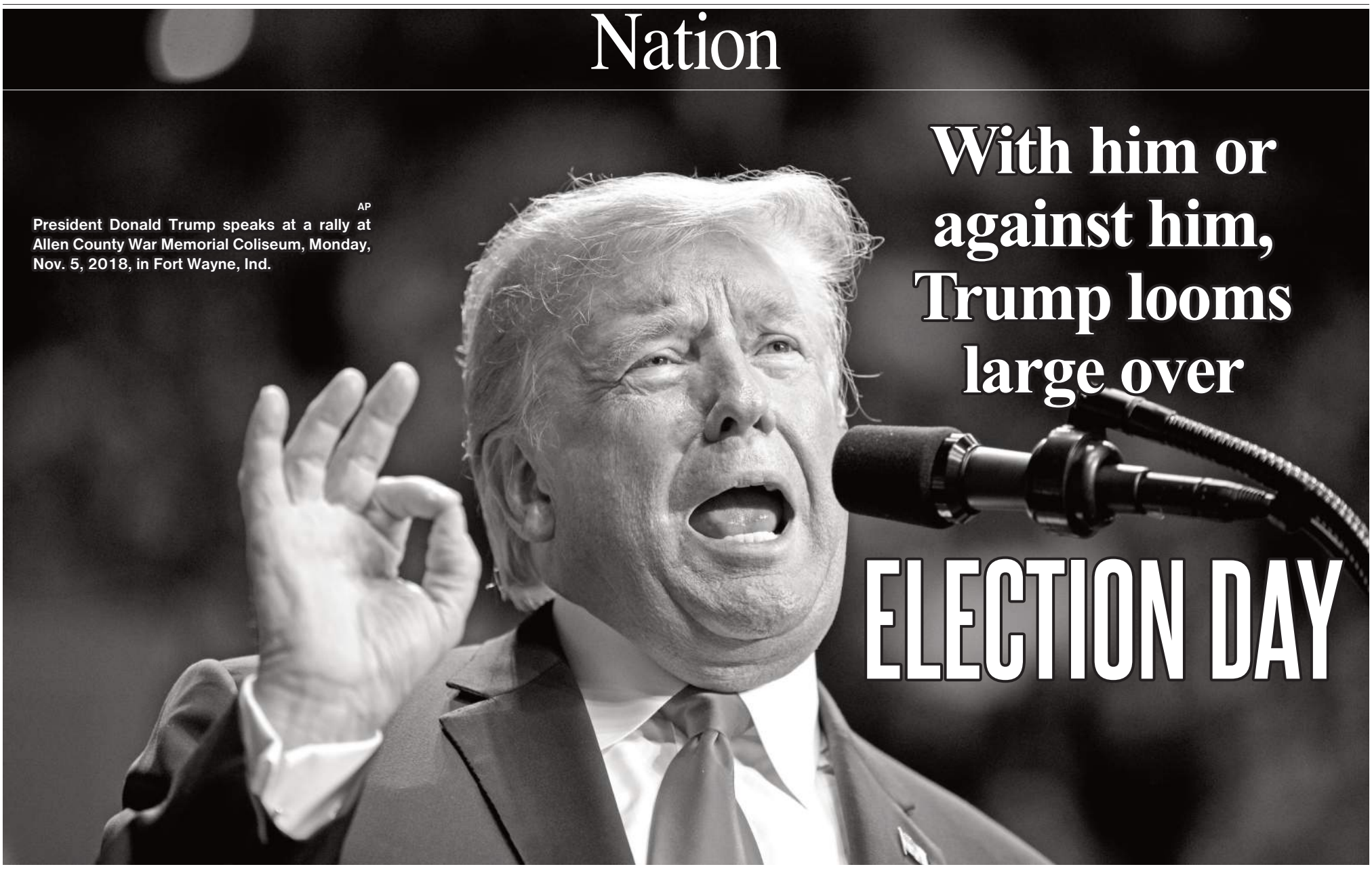

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President Donald Trump speaks at a rally at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Monday, Nov. 5, 2018, in Fort Wayne, Ind.

With him or against him, Trump looms large over ELECTION DAY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP-)—Michael Gregoire marched along a downtown sidewalk in the tense days before the midterm elections, waving a hand-painted sign at passing traffic: "DEFEAT REPUBLICANS 2018."

"The survival of the country is going to depend on this election," he said as another man stopped for a moment to argue. The strangers faced each other from opposite edges of the great American divide, Democrat versus Republican, both convinced the election is among the most consequential in their lifetimes and that they must save the nation from the other side.

"I'm voting for Donald Trump," Stuart Kanter said. "He's not on the ticket. But, in a way, actually he is."

President Donald Trump looms large over Tuesday's election, which is expected to draw historic numbers to the polls and will determine which party controls Congress. For Gregoire and Kanter—and for voters across the country—the election represents something far greater than whatever Senate and House races appear on their ballots. It is a competition for the soul of America—a referendum on Trump and the venomous political culture that many blame for gridlock in Congress and a recent spate of hate crimes and politically motivated attacks.

Less than two weeks ago in this city, a white man gunned down two African-American shoppers at a grocery store in what police described as a racially motivated attack. Days later, an avid Trump supporter was arrested for mailing pipe bombs to prominent critics of the president, all of whom Trump routinely derides as "evil" and "un-American." The next day, another gunman opened fire in a synagogue in Pittsburgh, massacring 11 worshippers and telling police "all these Jews need to die."

Don Albrecht, a 75-year-old accountant and Republican who voted for Trump in 2016, lives blocks away from the Louisville grocery store where two people died. He'd pulled into the parking lot minutes after the gunfire erupted, saw the police cars and shaken employees, and felt like the country's poisonous political climate had landed in his backyard. He wishes he could take back his vote for Trump.

"He has diarrhea of the mouth and diarrhea of the brain. He's just so irresponsible," said Albrecht, who worries Trump's embrace of the far-right is remaking his party. "I don't think the American public is going to put up with it. I think there's going to be a big backlash against Republicans because of this divisiveness."

He's undecided going into Election Day. He can't remember ever voting for a Democrat but said he might this time in protest.

Other Trump voters remain staunchly behind him, and plan to choose Republican candidates to help him make good on his pledges, including vows to implement more hardline immigration policies. "I want to see the wall go up," said Joe Spirko, 57, as he peddled Trump flags outside of one of the president's rallies in Florida last week. "Since Trump come along, I feel a lot better."

Trump has stepped up his rhetoric on immigration ahead of the elections, focusing on a caravan of Central American migrants heading toward the United States. Trump and his backers have called it "an invasion"—though the group of a few thousand people, including mothers and children, remains hundreds of miles away—and suggested without proof that there are criminals and terrorists in the crowd of those fleeing violence and poverty. In a White House speech, the president said he would sign an order preventing border-crossers from claiming asylum, a legally questionable proposition, and said he'd told military troops he's mobilizing to the border to respond to thrown rocks like they were "rifles."

Julie Hoeppner, a 67-year-old psychologist in Indiana, voted early for Republican candidates, also citing illegal immigration as a primary concern.

A friend recently sent Hoeppner a photo of immigrants arriving at Ellis Island with a note that said: "For our ancestors, this is their caravan." Hoeppner didn't respond but thought to herself that her ancestors arrived legally. "Which is a big difference," she said. "They didn't come trying to storm the border."

Pedro Panelo, the 21-year-old president of the College Republicans at Wheaton College in Illinois, is frustrated immigration became a last-minute political football, because the issue is more complex than what either Democrats or Republicans make it out to be. Panelo, the son of a Mexican immigrant, said migrants shouldn't be demonized, but he stopped short of criticizing the president, and plans to vote for Republican candidates who could help push Trump's agenda.

"When it comes to his actions, I'm not a huge fan of his tweets," Panelo said. "But what I say is look what he's done for the country and not always what he's said on Twitter."

He said he's felt an extraordinary level of enthusiasm for this election among his fellow students. Young people, who historically sit out of midterm elections, and women are both expected to be pivotal forces Tuesday. In Georgia, Democratic campaign volunteer Adrienne White said she struggled to recruit volunteers ahead of the 2016 presidential election but that it's been easy this year, especially among women.

In Pittsburgh, where residents just finished burying those gunned down at the Tree of Life synagogue, some voters saw their Election Day decisions as a way to send a message that the country is headed down a dark and dangerous path.

"This is probably the most important election in the past 100 years. This will turn the tables," said Barbara Villa, 71, who with her husband planted a crop of "Vote Blue" signs outside their home.

US election systems more secure, but voting problems persist

ATLANTA (AP)—Tuesday's midterm elections will mark the first nationwide voting since Russia targeted state election systems in the 2016 presidential race, with federal, state and local officials seeking to reassure the public their voting systems are secure.

There have been no signs so far that Russia or any other foreign actor has tried to launch cyberattacks against voting systems in any state, according to federal authorities.

The Department of Homeland Security has been working over the last year to improve communication and intelligence-sharing with state and local election officials who were largely left in the dark about Russian activities in 2016. Federal agencies including Homeland Security and the FBI have opened a command center to help state or local election offices with any major cybersecurity problems that arise.

"Things are running pretty smoothly around the country," said Matt Masterson, senior cybersecurity adviser with the Department of Homeland Security.

The same can't be said for all security preparations, or for early voting and the voter registration process in some states.

DHS officials have boasted that the 2018 midterms will be the most secure election in U.S. history, pointing to federal intrusion-detection sensors that will protect "90 percent of election infrastructure," as DHS Undersecretary Christopher Krebs tweeted in mid-October. Those sensors sniff for malicious traffic, and are installed on election systems in 45 states.

But similar sensors used at the federal level have performed quite badly. According to a Sept. 14 letter from the Office of Management and Budget, those sensors had a 99 percent failure rate from April 2017 onward, when they detected only 379 out of almost 40,000 "incidents" across federal civilian networks.

Asia

Lion Air jet's airspeed indicator malfunctioned on 4 flights

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—The "black box" data recorder from a crashed Lion Air jet shows its airspeed indicator malfunctioned on its last four flights, investigators said Monday, just hours after distraught relatives of victims confronted the airline's co-founder at a meeting organized by officials.

National Transportation Safety Committee chairman Soerjanto Tjahjono said the problem was similar on each of the four flights, including the fatal flight on Oct. 29 in which the plane plunged into the Java Sea minutes after taking off from Jakarta, killing all 189 people on board.

Erratic speed and altitude on the plane's previous flight, from Denpasar on Bali to Jakarta, were widely reported and "when we opened the black box, yes indeed the technical problem was the airspeed or the speed of the plane," Tjahjono told a news conference.

"Data from the black box showed that two flights before Denpasar-Jakarta also experienced the same problem," he said. "In the black box there were four flights that experienced problems with the airspeed indicator."

AP

Founder and owner of Lion Air Rusdi Kirana bows in front of relatives of the victims in the crashed Lion Air jet during a press conference in Jakarta, Indonesia, Monday, Nov. 5, 2018.

Indonesian investigators, the plane's manufacturer, Boeing, and the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board are formulating a more specific inspection for Boeing 737 MAX 8 planes related to the airspeed problem, Tjahjono said.

"If there are urgent findings to be delivered, we will convey them to the operators and to the manufacturer," he said.

Lion Air has said a technical problem with the jet was fixed after problems with the Bali to Jakarta flight.

Investigator Nurcahyo Utomo said investigators need to review maintenance records, including what problems were reported, what repairs were done including whether components were replaced, and how the repairs were tested before the 2-month-old plane was declared airworthy.

"Currently we are looking for the cause of problem," he said "Whether the trouble came from its indicator, its measuring device or sensor, or a problem with its computer. This is what we do not know yet and we will find it out," he said.

At the meeting with family members, Tjahjono had said that information downloaded from the jet's flight data recorder was consistent with reports that the plane's speed and altitude were erratic after takeoff on its final flight. Searchers are still trying to locate the cockpit voice recorder.

Rusdi Kirana, Lion Air's co-founder, was not invited to speak by Transport Minister Budi Karya Sumadi, who moderated the meeting between relatives and the officials who are overseeing the search effort and accident investigation.

But he stood and bowed his head after angry and distraught family members demanded that Kirana, who with his brother Kusnan Kirana founded Lion Air in 1999, identify himself.

"Lion Air has failed," said a man who identified himself as the father of passenger Shandy Johan Ramadhan, a prosecutor in a district on the island where the flight was headed.

"I want Mr. Rusdi Kirana and his team to pay attention," he said. "Since the time of the crisis, I was never contacted by Lion Air. We lost our child, but there was no empathy that Lion Air showed to us."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Independent says Australian govt lost on its refugee stance

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—A newly elected independent lawmaker said on Monday a tough policy toward asylum seekers was a major reason Australia's conservative government lost its parliamentary majority. Kerryn Phelps on Monday was declared the winner of an Oct. 20 by-election forced when former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull quit parliament after his conservative coalition turned against him. The high-profile medical doctor and gay rights advocate will take her seat when Parliament resumes on Nov. 26. The government now holds half of the 150 seats in the House of Representatives and may need to negotiate with independent lawmakers such as Phelps to pass its legislative agenda. Phelps partly blamed the tough refugee policy for a voter swing against the government in the wealthy Sydney seat of Wentworth of more than 19 percent since Turnbull last won it in 2016. Australia refuses to allow asylum seekers who attempt to reach its shores by boat to ever settle in the country. Asylum seekers are banished to the poor island nations of Nauru and Papua New Guinea where some have languished for more than five years.

Taliban hit Afghan checkpoint, kill 13 soldiers, policemen

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The Taliban launched an attack early Monday on a newly established joint Afghan army and police checkpoint in eastern Ghazni province, killing at least 13 soldiers and policemen, according to a provincial official. Afghan reinforcements were subsequently dispatched to the site of the attack in Khogyani district but were repeatedly ambushed along the way. And late on Sunday night, a Taliban attack in southern Kandahar province killed at least four policemen. The assaults came as a resurgent Taliban hold nearly half of Afghanistan, with near-daily attacks on Afghan security forces. The Taliban view the U.S.-backed government in Kabul as a dysfunctional Western puppet and have refused repeated offers to negotiate with it. Arif Noori, spokesman for the provincial governor in Ghazni, said seven soldiers and six policemen were killed in Monday's attack on the checkpoint, and four soldiers were wounded. According to Noori, six insurgents were killed and more than 10 others were wounded during the ensuing three-hour battle with Afghan forces. Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, claimed responsibility for the Ghazni and Kandahar attack.

New Zealand fisherman's ocean rescue of toddler 'miraculous'

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—A New Zealand fisherman has plucked a toddler from the ocean in a "miraculous" rescue after thinking he was watching a doll float past. Gus Hutt was at the beach checking his fishing lines at about 7:15 a.m. on Oct. 26 when he spotted the 18-month-old boy. He told the Whakatane Beacon newspaper that the face looked like porcelain and he thought it was a doll until he heard a squeak and realized with shock that the toddler was still alive. The boy had escaped from his parent's tent after the family had camped at Matata Beach on the North Island. Murphy's Holiday Camp co-owner Rebecca Salter told The Associated Press that the rescue was "miraculous and fateful" after Hutt had decided to fish at a different spot than usual.

Tens of thousands march to support new Sri Lanka government

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Tens of thousands of Sri Lankans marched Monday in support of a new government led by the country's former strongman, highlighting the political polarization in the Indian Ocean island nation.

The rally near Parliament came amid a constitutional crisis sparked by President Maithripala Sirisena's move to oust Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, replace him with ex-leader Mahinda Rajapaksa and suspend Parliament.

Wickremesinghe has refused to vacate his official residence, insisting he is the lawful prime minister and that the president had no constitutional right to replace him. Thousands of his supporters have been keeping vigil.

Supporters of Rajapaksa at the rally chanted "Whose power is this? Mahinda's power!"

As patriotic songs blared over loudspeakers, thousands shuffled through heavy rain toward a makeshift stage. Police and Sri Lankan special forces with semi-automatic rifles stood guard.

Police estimated 120,000 people attended the rally. State television reported there were at least 200,000.

Pradeep Kariyawasam, the head of Rajapaksa's party in Colombo, said that although Wickremesinghe continues to maintain he is the country's legitimate leader, "the people are with us."

"Give people a chance to choose their government and not hide behind constitutional interpretations," he said.

Sirisena and Rajapaksa arrived at the rally amid loud cheers.

Sirisena told the crowd that the change he initiated was more than a personnel shift.

"I ousted a vision that is incompatible with our local culture and values, and that works according to foreign agendas," Sirisena said.

"For the past 3 ½ years, poor people were suppressed by Ranil Wickremesinghe's economic and political vision. Local thoughts were rejected and an extreme neoliberal form of governance was carried out."

He was referring to Wickremesinghe's free-market economic policies and public-private partnerships with companies from China and India to operate strategic centers such as ports and airports.

Rajapaksa supporters have accused Wickremesinghe of selling Sri Lanka's assets, citing a 99-year lease agreement his government struck with Hong Kong conglomerate China Merchants Port Holdings Co. Ltd. last year to operate a failing port developed with Chinese debt during Rajapaksa's decade-long presidency.

"Foreign countries are trying to take our resources, take our land," said Mithra Kumara Jayasinghe, a wedding photographer at the rally who said he had voted for Rajapaksa the two times he was elected president, in 2005 and 2010, and when he lost a re-election bid in 2015.

Critics of Sirisena's actions say Parliament was suspended to give Rajapaksa time to gather enough support to survive a no-confidence vote when lawmakers reconvene Nov. 14.

World

Migrants straggle into Mexico City to shelter at stadium

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Thousands of Central Americans dreaming of getting to the United States streamed into Mexico's capital and bedded down in a sports stadium on the eve of U.S. midterm elections in which President Donald Trump has made the migrant caravan a central issue.

Authorities counted more than 2,000 migrants entering the Jesus Martinez stadium by midafternoon Monday, and a steady flow continued into the night. The facility has a capacity to hold 6,000, officials said, and four big tents set up for sleeping filled up.

Still hundreds of miles from the U.S. border, early arrivals eagerly sifted through donated clothes, gave themselves sponge baths and ate chicken and rice. They then picked up thin mattresses to hunker down for the night. Much in demand were blankets to ward off the chill in a city more than 7,300 feet (2,240 meters) above sea level, a big change after trudging for three weeks in tropical heat.

Nashieli Ramirez, ombudsman for the local human rights commission, said the city was preparing to accommodate as many as 5,000 people. The lead caravan is estimated to have about 4,000 participants and several smaller groups are trailing hundreds of miles to the south.

"We have the space in terms of humanitarian help," Ramirez said.

Many of the migrants sought treatment for blistered and aching feet, illness and other maladies. "Since we got here, we have not stopped," said Tania Escobar, a nurse with Mexico City's public health department at the treatment tent.

Melvin Figueroa, a 32-year-old from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, was with his pregnant wife and two children, 6 and 8. He took the 6-year-old girl to the tent because her eyes were irritated and "she throws up everything she eats."

More migrants were trudging along the highway between the city of Puebla and the capital, trying to hitch rides from passing vehicles.

Trump has seized on the caravan and portrayed it as a major threat, even though such caravans have happened regularly over the years and largely passed unnoticed. He ordered thousands of troops to the U.S.-Mexico border when the migrants were still hundreds of miles to the south, threatened to detain asylum seekers in tents cities and has insinuated without proof that there are criminals or even terrorists in the group.

In dozens of interviews since the initial caravan set out from Honduras more than three weeks ago, migrants have said they are escaping rampant poverty and violence. Many are families traveling with small children. Some say they left because they were threatened by gang members or had lost relatives to gang violence. Others say they hope to work, secure a good education for their children and send money to support loved ones back home.

Alba Zoleida Gonzalez, 48, from Valle, Honduras, said she walked for five hours Monday, then was able to get a ride on a tractor-trailer with about 150 other migrants. Her calf muscles were aching, but that was a small price to pay for the chance at a life better than the one back home.

"I looked for work, and nothing," Gonzalez said, adding that her husband had been robbed and had to hand over everything he made selling crabs so his assailants wouldn't do worse. "And when one does find a little job they kill you for the money," she said.

AP

Central American migrants begin their morning trek as part of a thousands-strong caravan hoping to reach the U.S. border, as they face the Pico de Orizaba volcano upon departure from Cordoba, Veracruz state, Mexico, Monday, Nov. 5, 2018.

Turkey: Saudi investigators worked to remove evidence

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Members of a team from Saudi Arabia sent to help Turkish authorities investigate the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi worked instead to remove evidence of the slaying, a senior Turkish official said Monday.

The official confirmed a report in Turkey's Sabah newspaper that an 11-member team of Saudi investigators that arrived in Turkey nine days after Khashoggi was killed to take part in a joint Turkish-Saudi probe included experts on chemistry and toxicology who were reportedly charged with obfuscating the evidence.

The official said Turkey believes that two members of the team "came to Turkey for the sole purpose of covering up evidence" before Turkish police were allowed to search the Saudi Consulate, where Khashoggi was killed on Oct. 2 after he entered to collect a document he needed to marry his Turkish fiancee.

The official said the fact that a clean-up team was dispatched suggests that Khashoggi's killing "was within the knowledge of top Saudi officials." The official spoke on condition of anonymity, in line with government rules.

The official also confirmed the Sabah report which identified the two experts as Ahmed Abdulaziz Al-Janobi and Khaled Yahya al-Zahrani.

The information was the latest in a series of leaks from Turkish officials apparently aimed at keeping up the pressure on Saudi Arabia and ensuring that the killing is not covered-up.

Istanbul's chief prosecutor, who is leading the investigation, announced last week that Khashoggi, who lived in exile in the United States, was strangled immediately after he entered the consulate as part of a premeditated killing and that his body was dismembered before being removed.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in an op-ed in the Washington Post last week that the order to kill Khashoggi came from the highest level of the Saudi government and added that the international community had the responsibility to "reveal the puppet masters" behind the slaying.

Turkey is seeking the extradition of 18 suspects who have been detained in Saudi Arabia, so they can be put on trial in Turkey. They include 15 members of an alleged Saudi "hit squad" that Turkey says was sent to Istanbul to kill the Washington Post columnist who had written critically of Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Saudi Arabia acknowledged last month that Turkish evidence indicates that the Khashoggi's killing at the consulate was premeditated, shifting its explanation in an apparent effort to ease international outrage over the death.

On Saturday, Sabah newspaper, which is close to the Turkish government, said Khashoggi's body—which still hasn't been found—was dismembered and removed from the Saudi Consulate in five suitcases.

A senior official of Turkey's ruling party—and a friend of Khashoggi's—has suggested his body may have been dissolved in acid or other chemicals.

Turkey's vice president, Fuat Oktay, told state-run Anadolu Agency that such reports need to be investigated.

Meanwhile, two of Khashoggi's sons appealed for his remains to be returned so that he may be buried in Saudi Arabia.

In an interview with CNN on Sunday, the sons also said they hoped he did not suffer when he was killed.

"All what we want right now is to bury him in Al-Baqi (cemetery) in Medina with the rest of his family," Salah Khashoggi said.

"I talked about that with the Saudi authorities and I just hope that it happens soon," he said.

Separatists kidnap 79 pupils in Cameroon's restive northwest

YAOUNDE, Cameroon (AP)—Armed separatists kidnapped at least 79 students and three staff members from a Presbyterian school in a troubled English-speaking region of Cameroon, the governor said Monday.

North West Region Gov. Deben Tchoffo said the students abducted Sunday night were ages 11-17, and they were taken from Nkwen, a village near the regional capital, Bamenda, along with school staff that included the principal.

"It is rather unfortunate that this is happening, that 79 of our children and three of their staff can be picked up by terrorists," Tchoffo said. "We have asked our military to do everything and bring back the kids alive."

A video purporting to show the kidnapped students was posted on social media from a group of men who call themselves "Amba boys," a reference to the state of Ambazonia that armed separatists want to establish in Cameroon's Anglophone North West and South West regions.

In the video, men who identified themselves as the kidnappers forced several boys to give their names and those of their parents. The boys also said they were taken by the armed men late Sunday and didn't know where they were being held.

The men in the video said they would only release the students once the goal of creating a new state is achieved.

"We shall only release you after the struggle. You will be going to school now here," the men said. The video could not be independently verified, but parents said on social media they recognized their children in the recording.

Fighting between the military and separatists increased after the government clamped down on peaceful demonstrations by English-speaking teachers and lawyers protesting what they said were their marginalization by Cameroon's French-speaking majority.

Hundreds have been killed in the past year.

The separatists have vowed to destabilize the regions as part of the strategy for creating a breakaway state. They have attacked civilians who do not support their cause, including teachers who were killed for disobeying orders to keep schools closed.

There have been kidnappings at other schools, but the group taken Sunday was the largest number abducted at one time in Cameroon's Anglophone regions. The separatists also have set fire to at least 100 schools and driven out students and teachers from buildings taken over as training grounds.

Good Housekeeping

On Gardening: Your backyard birds need water

Five finches make this bird bath a 'Finch Riviera. TNS

By Norman Winter
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Two old tomato cages and a couple of rescued terra cotta saucers have made the Garden Guy's yard a "Finch Riviera." It hasn't been just finches but a host of birds. As a horticulturist I am pretty much up on plants that birds eat and have become fairly proficient with the feeder aspect like I suppose as many of you are.

The question is whether you have accomplished the water aspect of the backyard habitat. One thing that really stressed me while I was director of the National Butterfly Center was that it was paramount for the birds to have water.

David and Jan Dauphin were the volunteer managers of the birding area of the butterfly center and developed a three-fountain system from which water dripped 24 hours a day and then gently ran out of the fountain to terra cotta saucers on the ground below. Even though the Rio Grande was close by, as were irrigation canals, it was apparent that both the fountains and the saucers below provided ample water to the birds.

I've been working on a new home and landscape and my feeders were immediately bringing in the birds. It makes you wonder how they knew so fast. Even though I have a flowing creek, I knew from lessons learned that I needed to provide a source of water. Admittedly the 'The Garden Guy' does things on the cheap and I think my idea was a home run. Everything was created from things around the house.

As I write I have two birdbaths not only frequented by birds, but also provided flowers for months. The recipe was two old large tomato cages and two old terra cotta saucers I found in a field. I did purchase two 1-gallon mandevillas from the discount garden graveyard section of a box store.

TNS
This Black-capped Chickadee shakes off water after a little splashing.

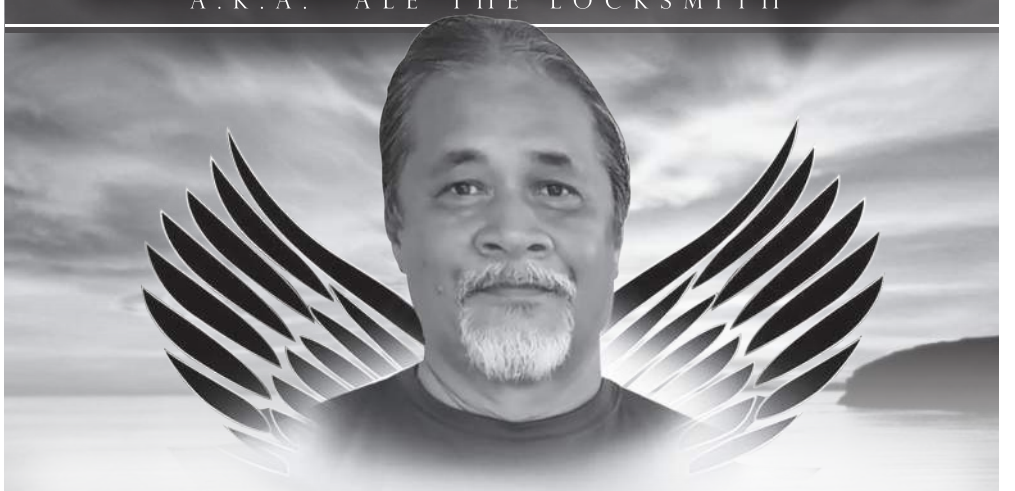
You get the idea: the cages went in the ground, the saucers placed on top and one mandevilla in the ground in the center of each cage. The mandevillas immediately took off as if rewarding me for giving them attention. It wasn't long before the birds took notice and visited the saucers for drinking, bathing and splashing.

The maintenance is not hard as I'll head out to the baths with a watering can and paper towels and in a minute things are always presentable to the feathered friends. Sometimes when I water plants I'll also send some spray into the saucers with the water wand to freshen up. The mandevillas quickly climbed each of the segments of the cage, encouraging me do a little weaving of the vines to train the direction of their growth.

It has been thrilling to see bright yellow American goldfinches, American robins, mourning doves, nuthatches, chickadees and a riotous saucer full of house finches all splish-splashing together. Then a couple of weeks a go it was a celebratory high five with my wife when a hooded warbler visited.

The point is you need to provide water with your feeding activities and it doesn't have to be expensive to work. All you need is probably in your garage or storage shed. With just a little maintenance and fresh water, your backyard wildlife habitat will become more beautiful and essential to visiting birds.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LAUVALE MAENE IAKOPO
A.K.A. "ALE THE LOCKSMITH"



In his new life, he now joins his:
Wife: †Marilyn Heine Iakopo

He will forever live in the hearts of his:
Children: Maile Lucinda Heine Iakopo & Yubert M. Alepuyo
(Morgiana Rosario, Patricio II, Kaiyo Edward)
Maene Dwight Iakopo
(Lauvale Matthias)
Melanie Enne & Romeo Reimers
(Nixon I, Romeo Jr., Cyril, Nimeolyn, Aiden Toa, Millicent Momi,
Malaioletalu Crystal Iakopo & Polly Ann P. Dela Cruz
(Jelaina Annorlyn, Jesus Junior, Nevaeh Maiakunna, Aaleyah Faith)

He will also be greatly missed by numerous family and friends.

On Friday, November 9, 2018, funeral service will take place
at the CHCC Chapel from 6:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Your prayers, thoughts, and presence are greatly appreciated.

Maile, Maene, Melanie, Malaioletalu, and Family

Julita Iorita Suda Kapileo

Lovingly known as "Iori"
Born to life on June 13, 1953 • Called to Eternal life on October 6, 2018

In her new Life, Iori will be met at the gates of Heaven by her:

Parents: Sarah Suda and Jesus Isamu Uppweman
Parents-in-law: Faustina Quitugua and Felipe Misuk Kapileo
Husbands: Antonio Q. Kapileo, Juan Q. Kapileo
Children: Julia S. Kapileo, Jay Eric S. Kapileo
Grandchildren: Kristina Edwina, Alandadonn and Tiana K. Malwelbug, Angel A. Kapileo
Siblings: William Suda
Sisters-in-law: Cynthia Q. Kapileo, Andresina Q. Kapileo
Brothers-in-law: Canice Q. Kapileo, Singeru Techur

Her loving memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children: TM Suda (JungTsua), **Kristina K.** & Lorenzo L. Norita (LJ Baldemero, Frankie Byron/Kaleina Reyes: [Kalie, Angelina]), **Valerie K.** & Finian Malwelbug (AJ Manuel/Ashley Torres: [AJ Manuel, Jr.]; Alvin, David Lionel/Nikita Roberts, Donn Travis/Nathaley Smith, Jewel Siaweribeg, Finian, Jr.), Ida A./**Antonio, Jr. S. Kapileo** (Julia Faustina, Phillip Joe, Kyle Kawika, Tiony Kylia), Livian Ngeskebei/**Juan, Jr. S. Kapileo** (Sion, J'Dean, JuanCarlos, Champ William, Nieves Iori, Antonio), Johanna D./**Jonathan S. Kapileo** (Melvin Jon, Erica Nathania, Peka Angelo, Chance Jonathan), Helen Esetok/**Rego Jicko** (Doryalina, Drauzen, Caitlen, Riana, Yaeko, Mia), **Jerry S. Kapileo, Eric David S. Kapileo.**

Brothers/Sisters/Spouses: Yuri/**Marcus Suda** & Children, **Catherine "Anae" S.**/Edward Omar & Children, Lore K./**Johanes Suda** & Children, **Sakie S.**/Tasio Kau & Children, Natalie/**Baltazar "Burt" Suda** & Children, **Pipiana I.**/Mais Nokota & Children

Brothers/Sisters-in-law: **Dionicia K. Techur** & Children, Pauline DLG./**Luis Q. Kapileo** & Children, Veronica T. Kapileo & Children, **Jacinta Q. Kapileo** & Children, **Anna Q. Kapileo**, **Ignacia K.** & Ferdous Bhuiyan & Children, Esther K./**Felipe Q. Kapileo** & Children, **Jesus Q. Kapileo**, Teresa P./**Joseph Q. Kapileo** & Children, & Ursula A./**Fabian Nick Q. Kapileo** & Children

Numerous nephews, nieces, godchildren, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends will miss her dearly……

On Friday, November 9, 2018, our beloved Iori will arrive at 8:11 a.m. and escorted to the CHCC Morgue. At 3:30 p.m. she will be escorted to her residence in As Matuis for the wake at 4 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at the Bithen Delos Remedios Church in Tanapag. Interment services will follow immediately at the Tanapag Public Cemetery.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your thoughts, prayers and kind expressions of sympathy.
Your support during this difficult time is giving great comfort and we will be forever grateful.

Kinisou Chapur, Ghilisou, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Maraming Salamat Po, Gaisa Gashigshig, and Thank you!

The Family

Life & Style

Fox, NBC and Facebook turn down Trump ad deemed racist

NEW YORK (AP)—NBC, Fox News Channel and Facebook all said Monday they will stop airing President Donald Trump's campaign advertisement that featured an immigrant convicted of killing two police officers.

CNN had rejected the same ad, declaring it racist.

Asked before leaving for campaign rallies if he thought the advertisement was offensive, Trump said, "a lot of things are offensive. Your questions are offensive a lot of times."

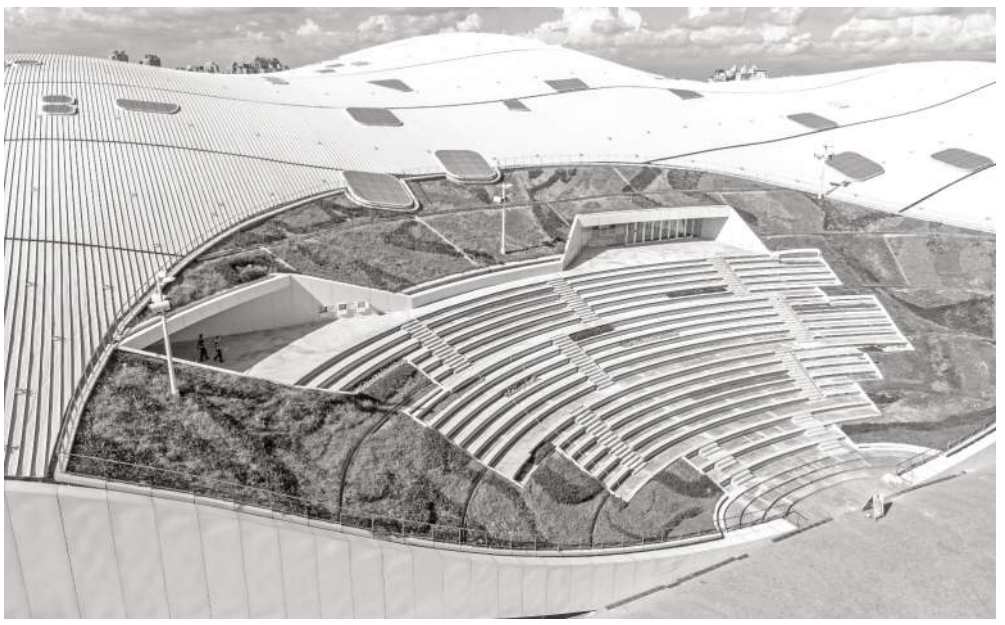
The ad has already likely been seen by more people than it would if it kept running. NBC aired it on the "Sunday Night Football" game between the New England Patriots and Green Bay Packers, which drew the highest overnight ratings of the franchise's history. During football season, it's usually the most-watched show on television, often with around 20 million viewers.

MSNBC also aired it on "Morning Joe" Monday.

Released last week, the advertisement includes footage of Luis Bracamontes, a twice-deported immigrant from Mexico sentenced to death in California for killing two police officers. He's seen smiling in a court appearance and saying, "I will break out soon and I will kill more."

An earlier version of the ad said, without evidence, that "Democrats let him into our country." That claim was deleted from the current version.

New Taiwan performing arts center billed as largest in world



In this undated handout photo provided Nov. 5, 2018, by the National Kaohsiung Center for the Arts, the National Kaohsiung Center for the Arts designed by Dutch architect Francine Houben is seen in Kaohsiung in southern Taiwan. AP

KAOHSIUNG, Taiwan (AP)— A sprawling complex of four theaters billed as the biggest performing arts center in the world has opened in southern Taiwan.

The National Kaohsiung Center for the Arts houses a 1,981-seat concert hall, a 2,236-seat opera house, a play house and a recital hall under a single roof covering 3.3 hectares (8.2 acres).

The opening season offers a range of artistic performances. The debut installation opera "Paradise Interrupted" is an international co-production with New York's Lincoln Center Festival, the Spoleto Festival USA and the Singapore International Festival of Arts. The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Gustavo Dudamel, who conducts in Taiwan for the first time, will perform in the venue's vineyard-style concert hall.

Performers are seeing the new venue as an opportunity.

"Not many people can say that they have performed" at the new venue, said Chloe Young, a member of the Sydney Dance Company. She said it was an honor to be dancing there. "And I think it's really gonna boost my career, saying I performed in Taiwan, in an amazing theater, amazing facility, and I feel super super lucky."

Autopsy finds rapper Mac Miller died from drugs and alcohol

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rapper Mac Miller died from an accidental overdose caused by a combination of cocaine, alcohol, and the powerful opioid fentanyl, a coroner's report released Monday said.

The Los Angeles County coroner's report named Miller's cause of death as "mixed toxicity" of the three substances found in his system.

The 26-year-old Pittsburgh native, who frankly discussed his depression and addiction in his rhymes, died suddenly on Sept. 7. He was known to many as Ariana Grande's ex-boyfriend, but had a devoted following that included some of the biggest names in hip-hop.

Miller's personal assistant, making a daily visit to Miller's home in the San Fernando Valley section of Los Angeles, found him unresponsive on his bed at about 11:30 a.m., the report states.

The assistant moved the body to the floor and performed CPR at the direction of a 911 operator. Paramedics soon arrived and Miller was declared dead 16 minutes after the initial 911 call.

Aretha Franklin doc 'Amazing Grace' to finally see the light

NEW YORK (AP)—More than 46 years after it was shot, the Aretha Franklin concert film "Amazing Grace" will finally be released, ending one of the most tortured and long-running sagas in documentary film.

The late gospel singer's estate and film producers said Monday that "Amazing Grace" will premiere Nov. 12 at the DOC NYC film festival with the full support of Franklin's estate. The film, largely shot by Sydney Pollack, captures Franklin's performance at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles' Watts neighborhood in January 1972.

The music from the two performances was released as a landmark double live album in 1972. But Pollack's footage proved virtually impossible to edit because the filmmaker failed to sync the sound. After acquiring the film's rights from Pollack in 2007, producer Alan Elliott brought in a team to construct the film, which Elliott calls "a labor of love."

"Aretha's fans will be enthralled by every moment of the film as her genius, her devotion to God and her spirit are present in every frame," Elliot said in a statement.

Chicago mayor drops plan to sell mural worth millions

CHICAGO (AP)—Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel has dropped plans to sell a city-owned mural that could have raised millions of dollars for a major makeover at a library.

"Knowledge and Wonder" is a mural by local artist Kerry James Marshall that depicts black children looking at oversized books. It has been displayed at the Henry E. Legler branch in the city's West Garfield Park neighborhood. A Nov. 15 auction was expected to bring in more than $10 million for an expansion there.

Emanuel said he changed plans after hearing opposition, particularly from Marshall.

"I was swimming and thought, 'This is not what I wanted, given the city's contributions to public art, and Kerry's a friend and also a great ambassador for Chicago,'" Emanuel said Sunday. "I reached out to him and said, 'Look, I don't want this. If you're not happy, I don't want to go forward.'"

The mural was commissioned in 1995 for $10,000. Marshall said Emanuel's shift was the "right decision to make."

"It just seemed like a way of exploiting the work of artists in the city for short-term gain in a really short-sighted kind of way," Marshall said of a possible sale. "It certainly would make one believe there's no reason to do anything because you have some kind of civic pride as a citizen."

Notebook stepson left behind reveals love for another man

DEAR ABBY: My stepson "Arnold" recently moved out, and I found a notebook he left behind that I thought I'd use. Inside was a journal entry he had made last year about someone he loved. The problem is, it's directed to another man.

I want to believe that's not true, but the writing and everything else checks out. I wish I had never seen it. We're a Christian family and have conservative views. Arnold never dated much, but we thought it was because he was so focused on his education. None of us would have ever expected this. There were no signs whatsoever.

I feel such a burden right now. I know why he wouldn't tell his parents. His dad would be devastated. I never keep anything from my husband, and I feel terrible not being able to share this. But I don't want to reveal what I saw if my stepson isn't ready. What should I do? Should I ask Arnold about it? How can I take this burden off my shoulders?

STRESSED IN THE WEST

DEAR STRESSED: I am a firm believer in communication. Return the notebook to Arnold, and when you do, use it as an opportunity to open a conversation with him about it. I do not think you should unburden yourself to your husband. The person to "out" Arnold should be Arnold.

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DEAR ABBY: I reconnected with a guy from high school five months ago. We started hanging out and eventually decided to start dating. The first month or so was great, but right away he started becoming very possessive and jealous.

It has been four months, and he is constantly accusing me of being sneaky and cheating. Abby, all I do is work and go home. I don't have a social life anymore because he doesn't trust me to go anywhere alone. I can't even talk on the phone to one of my girlfriends without him asking me a million and one questions. My friends and family tell me I need to do what's best for me and leave him, but I'm not sure if I'm scared to leave him because I'll be alone, or if I'm just scared of him.

ON THE EDGE IN OHIO

DEAR ON THE EDGE: Your "guy from high school" is doing his best to isolate you. This is one of the warning signs of an abuser. If you are afraid to leave him because you don't want to be alone, please consider how alone you are feeling right now.

If you are afraid he will hurt you, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-7233 for suggestions on how to leave safely. If you need moral support when you deliver the message, have family members or several friends with you when you do it. Then block him from your social media and cellphone. And if he threatens you in any way, file a police report. The only thing you should NOT do is nothing.

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DEAR ABBY: At what age is it inappropriate for an uncle to cuddle his niece? She's in fifth grade. I don't do anything except put my arm around her while sitting on the couch. She still likes it, but when should I stop this activity with her?

WONDERING IN THE SOUTH

DEAR WONDERING: I don't regard an uncle putting his arm around his niece to show affection as "cuddling." However, the age when the displays of affection should be curtailed is when the girl is physically mature enough that it makes either her or her uncle uncomfortable.

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren
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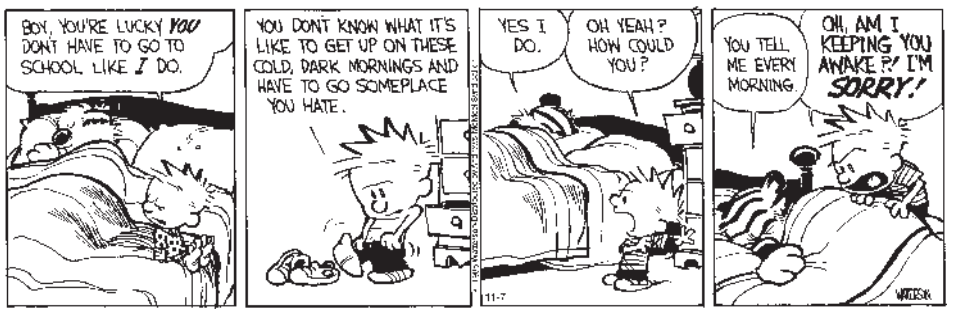
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


BOY, YOU'RE LUCKY YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL LIKE I DO.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO GET UP ON THESE COLD, DARK MORNINGS AND HAVE TO GO SOMEPLACE YOU HATE.
YES I DO.
OH YEAH? HOW COULD YOU?
YOU TELL ME EVERY MORNING.
OH, AM I KEEPING YOU AWAKE?! I'M SORRY!
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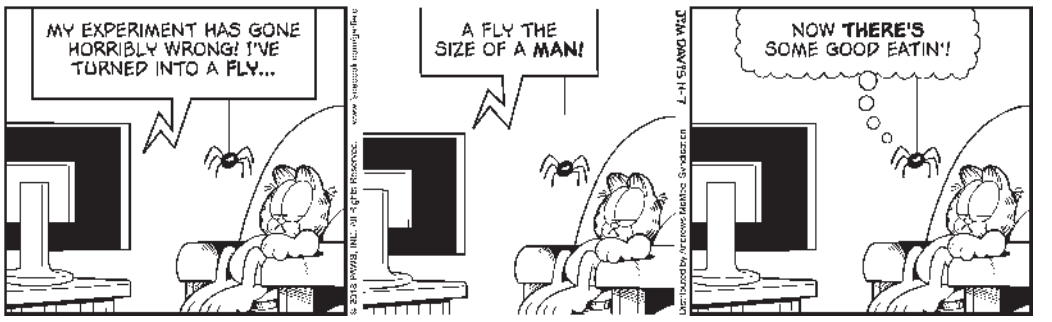
By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

NOW, WHEN I HAVE WRITING TO DO, THIS IS HOW I START.
I KICK BACK, CLOSE MY EYES AND LET MY MIND WANDER ON MY THEME.
2.
THIS WOULD BE INFURIATING IF IT WASN'T SO PREDICTABLE.
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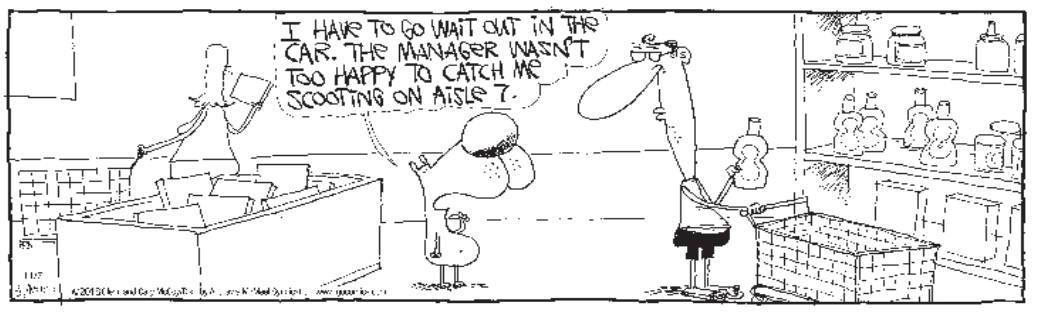
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Witch
4 Monk's title
7 Russian council
8 Serengeti grazer
10 Flynn of film
11 Coffee bar orders
13 Canes
16 UFO crew
17 Not watertight
18 Hearing thing
19 Rip
20 Plum centers
21 West Pointer
23 Shred, as cheese
25 Sciences' partner
26 Chew (on)
27 Part of DJIA
28 Prepare to play, as a tape
30 CIA forerunner
33 Cocktail stirrers
36 Icy downpours
37 Loosen
38 "Filthy" money
39 Meander
40 — Na Na
41 Conclusion

DOWN

1 Flings
2 Out of control
3 Biblical sea
4 Small liquor store?
5 Tattered
6 Against
7 "Phooey!"
8 "Enigma Variations" composer
9 Duplicity
10 Farm female
12 Play ice hockey
14 Tidy
15 Soon-to-be grads
19 QB's goals
20 Furry foot
21 Boasts
22 Freely
23 Wilde-beests
24 State of bliss
25 Billboards
26 Gaggle members
28 Prague citizen
29 Prefix with violet
30 Eight-some
31 Nonfat milk
32 Compass dir.
34 Jupiter counterpart
35 Privy to

Solution time: 23 mins.

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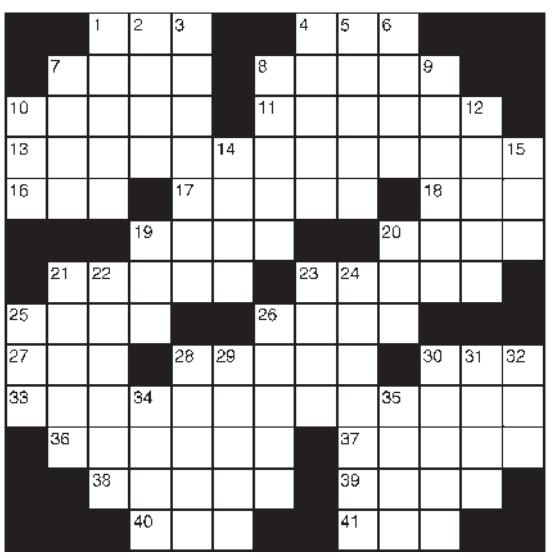

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lorde, 22; Adam DeVine, 35; David Guetta, 51; Joni Mitchell, 75.

Happy Birthday: Learn as you go and rely on what you know and have experienced to help pull things together. Bring about positive change by drawing on your ability to see the possibilities. Changes at home will help ease stress and give you greater leeway to focus on what's most important to you. Curb anger and focus on physical fitness and good health. Your numbers are 5, 12, 19, 24, 30, 37, 43.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Be receptive to suggestions and ready to act on short notice. Your ability to recognize what needs to be done and your willingness to work alongside others will make a difference to the outcome of a crucial situation that can determine your future. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Share information; it will help you get ahead. A physical change you make will bring greater security as well as add to your experience and proficiency. A partnership can be renegotiated and changes put in place. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Concentrate on personal change that will make you feel and look your best. Ask questions that will help you decipher exactly what you want to do in order to complete unfinished tasks. A passionate attitude will draw attention. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Don't look for excuses. Evaluate what needs to be done and get busy. Take the lead and make your position clear. Set a high standard and strive to reach your goal. Follow your heart and do things in your own way. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* An even temperament will help you stay out of trouble. If you let someone's anecdotes get to you, problems will arise. Focus on personal change and being your very best. Let your accomplishments and success be your revenge. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Initiate your plans. Change will do you good. Business trips or meetings will lead to interesting prospects. What you learn will encourage you to expand your knowledge and skills. Share your feelings; the response you get will lead to new developments. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Take your time. Look at all your options and consider the best scenario. Don't let someone else make decisions for you. It's up to you to decide what's in your best interest. Personal changes and protecting your assets are encouraged. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Take on a physical challenge to change the way you do things in the future. Strength coupled with ingenuity and creativity will lead to advantages that will outmatch any competition you face. Personal change is favored. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* You'll find yourself in a difficult situation if you have taken someone's word as truth or have shared information that isn't accurate. Choose your words wisely; observe and ask questions if something doesn't appear to make sense to you. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Bring something unique to whatever job you are given. Doing things with a twist will draw attention and give others a better idea of what your capabilities are. It's your turn to shine, so don't hold back. Enjoy the moment. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Take a moment to relive past experiences before you jump into something that could turn into a repeat performance. Don't trust anyone who has a habit of overreacting or being excessive. Walk away if you don't like what you see. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Don't let someone's uncertainty make you angry. Be fully prepared to move forward with or without others by your side. Trust in your ability to create the base you need to build a successful future; eventually others will jump on board. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are affectionate, caring and kind. You are original and ambitious.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Last Friday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★

WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

THE PLANET KRYPTON Solution: 10 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Migration

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Mariota recovers, Titans top Cowboys in Cooper's debut

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Kevin Byard secured the interception that sparked the sluggish Tennessee Titans and turned toward midfield.

The flashback for the Dallas Cowboys was just as disheartening as the original.

Byard mimicked Terrell Owens' mocking celebration on the star logo at the 50-yard line from 18 years ago, Marcus Mariota accounted for three touchdowns and the Titans spoiled Amari Cooper's Dallas debut with a 28-14 victory on Monday night.

The end-zone pick of Dak Prescott came after Mariota fumbled on the first two Tennessee possessions. Just as T.O. did at old Texas Stadium 18 years ago, Byard ran to midfield, under the huge videoboard at spacious AT&T Stadium, and spread his arms.

Owens did it twice in a blowout San Francisco win over a bad Dallas team that time. This win by the Titans (4-4) ended their three-game losing streak while handing the Cowboys (3-5) their first loss in four home games and making their road to the playoffs a difficult one.

The Cowboys looked like the team headed for a blowout win, but led just 7-0 after Mariota's early miscues because of Brett Maher's missed 38-yard field goal and Prescott's ill-advised throw into double coverage.

Cooper scored the first Dallas touchdown and finished five catches for 58 yards after coming over from Oakland in a trade for a first-round pick during the open week.

Given another chance when what would have been a third straight fumble to start the game was overturned by a review that showed Luke Stocker didn't have the ball long down two scores late—and was booed several times at the end of failed drives.

After getting sacked on third down with nobody realizing Tennessee had called timeout in a 7-7 game in the second quarter, Mariota completed a 36-yarder to Darius Jennings before a screen pass to Dion Lewis went 18 yards for a touchdown.

Mariota broke a 14-14 tie in the third quarter when he pulled the ball out of Lewis' gut at the last second and delivered a 7-yard shovel pass to Jonnu Smith to put the Titans ahead for good.

Mariota was 21 of 29 for 240 yards without an interception and had 32 yards rushing. Lewis had 62 yards rushing and 60 receiving coming off a career-high 155 scrimmage yards in his last game.

Star Dallas running back Ezekiel Elliott finished with 61 yards after a hot start. Prescott was 21 of 31 for 243 yards and two scores—4 yards enough on a catch, Mariota led an 80-yard drive capped by Derrick Henry's 1-yard plunge for a 7-7 tie.

Then the Titans took control on offense in the second half, converting 11 of 14 third downs.

The Cowboys fell flat in 15-year tight end Jason Witten's first trip home since retiring to become lead analyst for "Monday Night Football." Dallas had just 108 yards in the second half—the bulk of those on a desperation drive to Cooper and 23 yards to Allen Hurns.

Meanwhile, the Cowboys paid tribute to Witten with a pregame video on the giant board hanging over the field. The franchise leader in games, catches and yards receiving wiped his eyes when a small inset of him was shown during the video, but seemed to have gained his composure when he was shown on the full screen. Witten waved, smiled and tapped his chest around his heart several times as the crowd roared.

AP

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) reaches for the ball as Tennessee Titans linebacker Wesley Woodyard (59) defends during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 5, 2018, in Arlington, Texas. The Tennessee Titans won, 28-14.

Yankees want to bring back Sabathia, Happ

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Brian Cashman wants to bring CC Sabathia back for an 11th season with the New York Yankees, and he's also holding out some hope of re-signing J.A. Happ.

Eight days after the Boston Red Sox won their fourth World Series title in 15 seasons—compared to one in that span for New York — Cashman arrived at the annual general managers' meetings searching for pitching.

"The Red Sox winning doesn't change the hunger level of trying to deliver a championship sooner than later for our fan base," the Yankees GM said Monday. "I think the hunger and the effort, the passion's there, despite the horrible outcome that took place in the World Series this year."

After paying luxury tax for 15 straight years, a total of $341 million, the Yankees dropped below the threshold for the first time in 2018, when Boston took over as baseball's biggest spender for the first time since records began in the free-agent era. Cashman is a man with money to spend this offseason.

"Yeah, we got under the tax, but we're one of the higher payrolls in the game, as you would expect—and as it should be," he said.

Cashman made his first move last week, re-signing 35-year-old outfielder Brett Gardner to a $7.5 million, one-year deal after declining his $12.5 million option and paying a $2 million buyout.

New York finished with a rotation of right-handers Luis Severino, Masahiro Tanaka and Lance Lynn along with left-handers Sabathia and Happ.

Only Severino and Tanaka are due back, and Cashman is expected to pursue a group of free-agent pitchers that also include left-handers Patrick Corbin and Dallas Keuchel.

Sabathia took a cut in salary from $25 million in 2017 to $10 million this year and went 9-7 with a 3.65 ERA in 29 starts — missing a $500,000 bonus by two innings when he was ejected in his last regular-season start for hitting Tampa Bay's Jesus Sucre after Rays pitcher Andrew Kittredge threw up-and-in to Austin Romine.

Sabathia had surgery on his right knee last month.

"He's been a great Yankee, and he has time on the clock still," Cashman said. "I think he'd like to stay, and I think we'd like to keep him."

Happ, 36, was 7-0 with a 2.69 ERA in 11 starts after the Yankees acquired him from Toronto, but he lost at Boston in the Division Series opener.

"I would think that there'll be a lot of interest in him," Cashman said. "He has a great reputation throughout the game as a pro, and the performance level was exactly what we needed. So he put himself in a good position as a free agent."

Cashman already is deep in talks to trade Sonny Gray, just 15-16 since New York acquired him from Oakland in July 2017. Gray, a right-hander who turns 29 this week, was unhappy with the harsh treatment he was given by demanding Yankees fans.

"The game's evolved to the point where people can see what the real numbers are behind the numbers and the recognition that whoever winds up acquiring Sonny Gray is going to acquire someone that's going to be the player, the pitcher he was more with Oakland," Cashman said. "And so we're very active in those discussions. We're in name exchanges. It will lead us eventually to a conclusion."

Cashman sidestepped questions about infielder Manny Machado, one of the top two offensive free agents along with Bryce Harper.

Mets fire Roessler and Bones

Brodie Van Wagenen made his first public moves as New York Mets general manager, firing hitting coach Pat Roessler along with bullpen coach Ricky Bones on Monday and announcing manager Mickey Callaway will have a new bench coach.

After meeting for two days last week with Callaway, Van Wagenen said bench coach Gary DiSarcina will replace third-base coach Glenn Sherlock, who will shift to first-base coach.

New York went 77-85 in Callaway's first season as a general manager, and Callaway drew attention for game management.

Ohtani, 2 Yankees finalists for AL Rookie of the Year

NEW YORK (AP)— Shohei Ohtani is a finalist for the AL Rookie of the Year award along with two New York Yankees infielders.

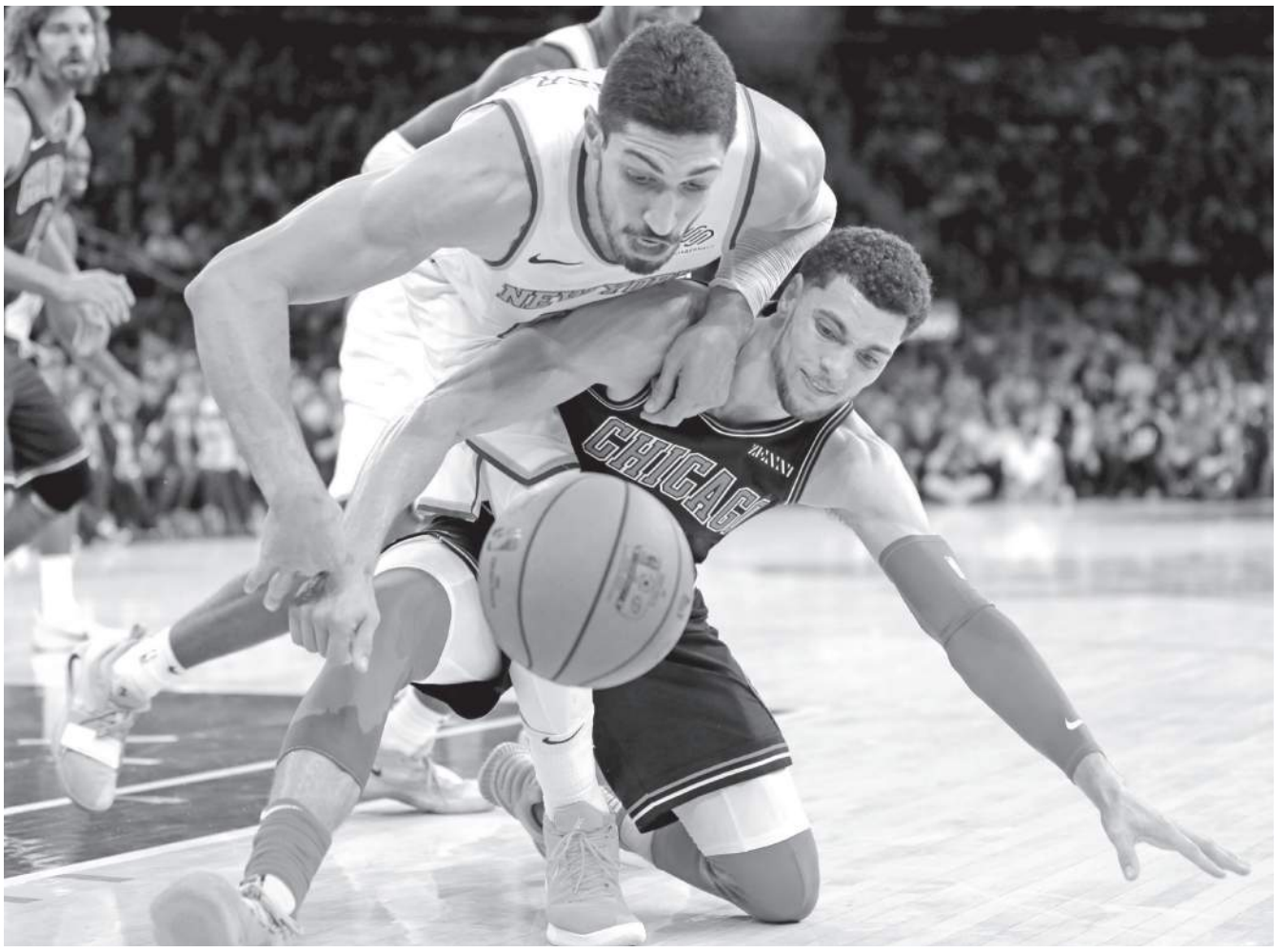
The Baseball Writers' Association of America revealed the finalists for its major awards Monday night. The winners will be announced next week.

Ohtani figures to be in a tight race with Yankees infielders Miguel Andujar and Gleyber Torres after a historic first season with the Los Angeles Angels. The two-way Japanese sensation is the first player ever to hit 15 home runs and strike out 50 batters in a season, and he joined Babe Ruth as the only players ever to hit 15 homers and pitch 50 innings.

The World Series champion Boston Red Sox might be in line for more hardware. Mookie Betts is a finalist for AL MVP, and Alex Cora is in the final three for AL Manager of the Year in his first season. Los Angeles' Mike Trout and Cleveland's Jose Ramirez are also finalists for AL MVP.

Milwaukee's Christian Yelich is the favorite for NL MVP, and Colorado's Nolan Arenado and Chicago's Javier Baez were also revealed as top vote-getters.

LaVine's 41 points lift Bulls to 2OT win



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New York Knicks' Enes Kanter, left, and Chicago Bulls' Zach LaVine fight for a loose ball during an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 5, 2018, in New York. The Bulls defeated the Knicks in double overtime, 116-115.

NEW YORK (AP)—Zach LaVine decided to take the game into his own hands and finally put an end to this double-overtime affair.

Scoring a career-high 41 points, including all eight in the second overtime and the game-winning free throw with 0.2 seconds left, LaVine led the Chicago Bulls to a 116-115 win over the New York Knicks on Monday night.

I was doing what I do to get us a lead," LaVine said. "I try to get to the cup, get to the free-throw line. At the end of the day, I am going to do what I do to help us get a win."

Antonio Blakeney scored 17 points, Jabari Parker had 15 and Wendell Carter Jr. added 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Bulls.

Enes Kanter led the Knicks with 23 points and 24 rebounds while Allonzo Trier scored 21.

Emmanuel Mudiay's coast-to-coast layup had tied the score with 2.7 seconds left in the second overtime. But, his foul sent a driving LaVine to the line for the winning free throw.

"I love the attack on that last possession to get to the free-throw line, which was obviously needed," said Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg. "Our guys needed to get a close one. The guys hung tough and they stuck together. We found a way to get it."

Warriors 117, Grizzlies 101

In Oakland, Klay Thompson scored 27 points, Kevin Durant added 22 points, six rebounds and six assists, and the Golden State Warriors used a big third quarter and ran their winning streak to eight games by beating the Memphis Grizzlies.

Stephen Curry overcame a slow start to score 19 points, and the Warriors used a 34-15 third quarter to pull away. That marked a season-low scoring total for any quarter by the Grizzlies.

At 10-1, the Warriors are off to the second-best start in franchise history behind the team of three years ago that began 24-0. The 1960-61 Philadelphia Warriors were 9-0 before losing four straight.

Thompson's contested 3 moments before the halftime buzzer sent the teams into intermission tied at 58, then the Warriors took off the way they do resemblant of their signature third quarters last season.

Curry's 3-pointer with 3:14 left in the third put the Warriors up by 10, 81-71, before Durant followed with back-to-back jumpers. Curry blocked a shot by Wayne Selden at the rim to end the third, sending the two-time defending champions into a frenzy.

Rockets 98, Pacers 94

In Indianapolis, James Harden made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 34.8 seconds left and then closed out the Houston Rockets' 98-94 victory over the Indiana Pacers by making four straight free throws Monday night.

The reigning MVP scored 28 points as the Rockets won their third straight since starting 1-5. And the victories have been coming in large part because of an improving defense. It's the fourth time in six games the usually high-scoring Rockets failed to hit the 100-point mark.

Victor Oladipo scored 28 points and made two 3s in the final minute to cut the deficit to 94-93, but it wasn't enough as Indiana's three-game winning streak ended.

Thunder 122, Pelicans 116

In Oklahoma City, the Thunder won their fifth straight game by beating New Orleans, but they lost star point guard Russell Westbrook to a sprained left ankle.

After coming down hard on the side of his foot, Westbrook pounded the ground in frustration before limping off the court. The Thunder led 84-77 when he exited with 4:25 left in the third quarter.

Oklahoma City went on a run without him and led 100-86 at the end of the period.

The Pelicans closed within a point in the final minute, but Dennis Schroder made two free throws with 20.5 seconds left and Paul George made a pair with 11.8 seconds to play to clinch the win for the Thunder.

Magic 102, Cavaliers 100

In Orlando, Evan Fournier hit a 22-foot jumper at the final horn and Orlando came back from a five-point deficit in the last 24 seconds, taking advantage of a late collapse by struggling Cleveland.

Fournier took an inbounds pass with 1.8 seconds left after Nikola Vucevic blocked George Hill's shot at the other end, and the ball went out of bounds off Hill.

J.R. Smith's 3-pointer with 41.9 seconds remaining had given the Cavaliers a 100-95 lead until Aaron Gordon scored after an offensive rebound for the Magic with 23.8 seconds to go. D.J. Augustin made a steal and two free throws with 18.7 seconds left to trim the deficit to one.

Kyle Korver then lost the ball to Fournier, who hit one of two free throws with 13 seconds on the clock to tie it at 100.

Heat 120, Pistons 115, OT

In Detroit, Josh Richardson scored 27 points to lead shorthanded Miami past Detroit in overtime.

Richardson hit four clinching free throws in the final 2.1 seconds, ending Miami's three-game skid. Detroit has dropped five in a row.

The Heat played without center Hassan Whiteside, who is second in the NBA in rebounding (14.6 per game) and blocked shots (2.75). Whiteside missed the game with an injured right knee.

Raptors 124, Jazz 11

In Salt Lake City, Kyle Lowry had 17 points and 11 assists to lead four Raptors with 17 points as Toronto beat the Utah Jazz.

Serge Ibaka, OG Anunoby and Fred VanVleet also had 17 points as the Raptors were bolstered with six players in double figures to win their fourth straight game.

The matchup lost some luster—and nearly 49 points a game—when Utah's Donovan Mitchell was ruled out with a left ankle sprain and Toronto's Kawhi Leonard sat with a sore left ankle as well.

Nuggets 115, Celtics 107

In Denver, Jamal Murray scored a career-high 48 points, including 19 in the fourth quarter, and the Nuggets overcame a sluggish start to beat the Boston Celtics

At 9-1, the Nuggets are off to their best start since 1976-77. They are 6-0 at home.

Denver spotted the Celtics an 18-point lead in the first quarter but quickly made up ground behind Murray, who scored 23 in the first half.

3 NBA coaches in hot seat

LOS ANGELES—Being an NBA head coach is a challenging job.

Just ask Tyronn Lue, who after helping lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to three consecutive Finals and one of the most stunning championships in modern sports history, was let go last week following an 0-6 start.

He was the league's first head coach to be fired during the 2018-19 campaign, and odds are he won't be the last.

With the season three weeks old, three coaches could suffer a similar fate—the Washington Wizards' Scott Brooks, the Los Angeles Lakers' Luke Walton, and the Minnesota Timberwolves' Tom Thibodeau.

The Wizards are a much better basketball team than their 2-7 record suggests. From John Wall down to Jeff Green, the talent—and the potential to be a top-four team in the Eastern Conference—is there. So far, though, this group has been a trainwreck, off to a better start than just two teams (Chicago and Cleveland), and it ranks 26th and 25th in the league in offensive and defensive rating, respectively.

Brooks, who inked a five-year, $35 million deal with Washington in 2016, may have a little more leeway than some other head coaches in the league, but he's not immune to getting the boot. The time to turn this thing around is now.

The bright side? Adding a healthy Dwight Howard to the mix should give the Wizards a boost on both ends of the floor, and the upcoming schedule — Dallas, Orlando (twice), Miami, Cleveland and Brooklyn — could help spark a turnaround.

Magic Johnson said Sunday that Walton's job is safe, telling the Los Angeles Times that he's "going to finish the season" unless "something drastic happens, which it won't."

Time will tell. With the spotlight in Laker Land shining bright, all eyes will be on Walton to help right the ship. The Lakers are 4-6 since LeBron James came to town, and they've struggled in late-game situations. Much of that can be attributed to the array of new faces on the roster and the lack of experience of many of the team's young players, but Walton isn't blameless for the team's slow start.

The pressure isn't going anywhere. How will Walton respond?

As both head coach and president of basketball operations for the Timberwolves, Thibodeau is feeling the pressure from multiple angles. Wolves owner Glen Taylor told the Minneapolis Star-Tribune before the start of the season that Thibodeau is a "good coach" and that he has faith in him, but with the Jimmy Butler saga still looming, his seat appears to be getting hotter by the day.

The Timberwolves, who under Thibodeau snapped their 13-year playoff drought last season, are off to a 4-6 start, and Butler has sat out three of those games. Franchise cornerstones Karl-Anthony Towns and Andrew Wiggins, meanwhile, have struggled with consistency, and the Wolves have a net rating of minus-6.9 (24th in the NBA)—a massive dip from last season (plus-2.2; 10th in the NBA).

To make matters worse, it seems as though Wolves fans—who have booed Thibodeau during pregame introductions and created a change.org petition calling for Thibodeau's firing—have had enough.

Mayweather to fight Japanese kickboxer Nasukawa

TOKYO (AP)—Floyd Mayweather is planning on fighting Japanese kickboxer Tenshin Nasukawa on Dec. 31 in Saitama, north of Tokyo.

The 41-year-old Mayweather is 50-0 in his boxing career but has never fought professionally under MMA rules. Although he did have a lucrative win over MMA fighter Conor McGregor last year.

Japanese promoter the RIZIN Fighting Federation on Monday said rules and the weight class for the bout have not been set.

"We still have some work to do," said Nobuyuki Sakakibara, the RIZIN chairman.

The 20-year-old Nasukawa, speaking at a news conference alongside Mayweather, called it "probably the biggest event of my life so far."

He also vowed to end Mayweather's long string of victories.

"Nobody has defeated my opponent in the past, and I would like to be the man who makes history," Nasukawa said, speaking through an interpreter. "My punch can change history. And I will show that to you. So please stay tuned."

Mayweather sat calmly and then praised his young opponent.

"I think he's young, very strong and very fast and he undefeated so it's obvious he's doing something right," Mayweather said

AP

Floyd Mayweather, left, shakes hands with Japanese kickboxer Tenshin Nasukawa during a press conference in Tokyo, Monday, Nov. 5, 2018. Mayweather said he has signed to fight Nasukawa for a bout promoted by Japan's RIZIN Fighting Federation on Dec. 31 in Saitama, north of Tokyo.

Meanwhile, the online sportsbook Bovada has already made Mayweather a favorite, even though Mayweather said it will be a few weeks before the rules are finalized and announced. Bovada has Mayweather at minus-260, while Nasukawa is a plus-200 underdog.

If there are no kicks allowed—and that seems likely, to be honest—it significantly decreases Nasukawa's odds of winning because his kicks are such a big part of his arsenal (and because he's so much smaller than Mayweather).

Despite that, Duke Roufus, one of the top MMA coaches and was a superstar kickboxer during his career, said it would be unwise not to give Nasukawa a chance. He said he wouldn't be shocked if Nasukawa became the first fighter to defeat Mayweather.

"No, not at all, and I say that because of my experience [in different combat sports]," Roufus said. "It's almost like a completely different world when you go from boxing into these other forms of fighting."

Roufus said there are several major differences to consider. First is whether or not kicks will be permitted. Second will be whether they use MMA gloves or boxing gloves. Third is how much Vaseline will be allowed and fourth is whether strikes such as spinning back fists and elbows will be permitted.

The rules regarding Vaseline will be critical, Roufus said, even though it's not an area most people would think would be important. In MMA, fighters have Vaseline applied at the beginning of the bout and then not again. But in boxing and kickboxing, Vaseline is applied before the fight and after every round.

Roufus said that will be "a significant issue."

"You can only put the Vaseline on at the beginning of the fight in MMA and that's why guys get cut so much easier in MMA," Roufus said. "When I was fighting [as a kickboxer], I used Vaseline as part of my defense. I'd put a lot of it in my hair the week of the fight so I wouldn't catch elbows. When you think about the roundness of the boxing gloves with grease, believe me, if boxers weren't allowed to apply the grease we wouldn't see boxing matches going 12 rounds."

Mayweather will have a significant size advantage, and that will be enhanced if kicks are outlawed. Nasukawa fights between 121 and 126, while Mayweather has been primarily at 147 for the past decade.

If kicks are outlawed and they wear boxing gloves, it will present a challenge for Nasukawa. Mayweather uses a high guard with the gloves in front and it decreases openings that would be there if MMA gloves are used.

"Can Tenshin adjust to that guard?" Roufus said. "That's the main thing. If he can't kick or knee, he's going to have to learn to fight around that guard. The other thing that presents itself, with a boxing glove on, he can catch Floyd's elbows, but with an MMA glove, it will hurt a lot more if you catch his elbow when he's in that guard."

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pointed. I am getting ready for Mexico and Florida and I will do better and try my best to have a better result," Lee told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

In Mexico, Lee will first see action in the Copa Mundial Campeche FMT that will be held at the Campeche Country Club in Campeche from Nov. 12 to 18. The Copa is a Grade 1 event, which awards 280 points to the singles winner and 210 to the doubles champions.

For her second tournament in the Central America country, the CNMI player will participate in the Mundial Juvenil Yucatan HSBC FMT, which will take place at the Club Campestre de Yucatán Calle in Merida from Nov. 19 to 25. More ranking points are at stake in Lee's second tournament in Mexico, as the Grade A event offers 500 points to the singles champion and 375 to the doubles winners.

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winning squad.

In the other masters division game, it was an all-TanHoldings show. Three different players scored for TanHoldings, which also got an own goal in its lopsided victory. Mariquit Chavez drew first blood for TanHoldings with her goal in the sixth minute, while Ma. Victoria Camama found the back of the net in the 25th minute. TanHoldings then took an own goal in the 33rd minute before Jessica Ortizo closed out for the squad in the 36th.

In other results, Kanoa crushed Southern United FC, 11-3, in the 11 a side match last Oct. 22 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville, Sue Ann Huevos led Kanoa's demolition after firing four goals. She scored in the sixth, 33rd, 42nd, and 44th minute. Irish Pagarao added three and Paulyn Joyce and and Therize Millare contributed two each.

Britany Wally also had a pair for Southern United with her first coming in the 15th minute, while Katrina Costales hit the board, too, in the opening half to keep their team afloat. However, Kanoa pulled away in the second half, making seven goals against only one from the former—courtesy of Wally.

Meanwhile, games in the 2018 Dove Fall Women's League are on hold after Super Typhoon Yutu slammed Saipan late last month.

Djokovic back at No. 1; replaces injured Nadal

PARIS (AP)—Novak Djokovic returned to No. 1 on Monday after a two-year absence and is assured of becoming the first man in the history of the ATP rankings to finish a season at the top spot after being outside the top 20 during that season.

That's because the man he overtook, Rafael Nadal, is done for 2018. Nadal withdrew from the ATP Finals on Monday, citing an abdominal injury, and announced he was having arthroscopic surgery on his right ankle.

Djokovic will be the ATP's year-ending No. 1 for the fifth time, pulling even with Roger Federer and Jimmy Connors for the second most since the computer rankings began in 1973. Pete Sampras holds the record of six.

"Reflecting on what I've been through in the last year, it's quite a phenomenal achievement," said Djokovic, who was No. 2 last week and hadn't been No. 1 since November 2016. "And, of course, I'm very, very happy and proud about it. Five months ago, if you told me that ... it was highly improbable at that time, considering my ranking and the way I played and felt on the court."

The 31-year-old from Serbia fell to No. 22 in May after beginning the year with a 6-6 record while recovering from surgery on his right elbow. He hadn't been ranked that low since he was 22nd in 2006 as a teenager.

But Djokovic has gone 43-5 since, including Grand Slam titles at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open after reuniting with Marian Vajda, the longtime coach with whom he had split.

Djokovic raised his haul of major trophies to 14, tied with Sampras for third most in men's tennis history behind Federer with 20 and Nadal with 17.

The last man to go from outside the top 20 to No. 1 within a single season was Marat Safin, who was No. 38 and No. 1 in 2000, before ending that year at No. 2.

"What Novak has achieved this season has to go down as one of the great sporting comebacks," ATP Executive Chairman Chris Kerned said. "It's been a phenomenal return to form that would have been hard to imagine just six months ago."

Nadal said on Twitter on Monday that he was still bothered by the stomach muscle issue that forced him to withdraw from last week's Paris Masters. Because he wouldn't be competing at the season-ending tournament in London next week, he opted to have ankle surgery now.

He hasn't competed since he retired from his U.S. Open semifinal against Juan Martin del Potro because of a painful right knee.

The 32-year-old Spaniard ends 2018 with a 45-4 record and five titles, including an 11th French Open championship in June.

John Isner replaces Nadal in the ATP Finals field.

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ried then. But it really hit me hard when I started seeing all the photos on FB from people who I grew up with. Me and my Saipan friend, J.P., started to brainstorm and we came up with a website yuturelief.com with the goal of organizing the efforts. Saipan is my home and will always be and if I made a small difference, I would be happy," Heo said.

As for Camacho, he felt it's his obligation to help the people of Saipan and Tinian.

"I think it's very important for people to help the best they can. Saipan and Tinian very severely affected and damaged by the storm and I feel it's our obligation to help our bothers and sisters in need. If it's the other way around, we would definitely be getting help. So there shouldn't be any question whether we should help or not," Camacho said.

The Ultimate Fighting Championship veteran, who had his share of struggles in the octagon cage, added that it's very heartwarming to see everyone stepping up to help and this will only make it easier for both Saipan and Tinian to recover.

"In my last fight, I was knocked out in front of millions of people. It was the worst loss of my career to date. But because of the island fighting spirit we all posses and the resilience we somehow find within ourselves, we get back on our feet, keep moving forward and fighting for our families and our community," Camacho said.

"Seeing families get together, friends reaching out, and strangers offering a helping hand make this place so beautiful. Everyone plays a role, may we all know our role and contribute the best we can to the recovery of the islands. And may we be grateful for what we have—each other," he added.

Mariota recovers, Titans top Cowboys in Cooper's debut

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Kanoa, TanHoldings deliver

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Kanoa Football Club and TanHoldings FC dispatched their respective opponents in the masters division of the 2018 Dove Fall Women's League.

TanHoldings played in the first game last Oct. 21 at the TSL Sports Complex's artificial turf and shut down Topnotch, 4-0. In the first game, Kanoa outclassed MP United, 4-2.

Merlie Tolentino towed Kanoa to victory after making a pair of goals, while Katherine Mersai chipped in one. Kanoa got an own goal, while Amy Weiss and Darla Campion scored for MP United. Kanot hit the board early, thanks to Tolentino's shot in the sixth minute, while Mersai handed the winning team its second goal two minutes later, and MP United failed to counter in the entire first half.

In the second half, Tolentino registered her second and last goal in the 30th minute, while MP United ended its silence behind Weiss' conversion in the 33rd. Campion also found her target in the 35th minute to threaten Kanoa, but MP United's error gave its opponent an own goal that served as insurance for the

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A Topnotch player kicks the ball, while a TanHoldings defender keeps a close eye on her during their masters division game in the 2018 Dove Fall Women's League last Oct. 21 at the TSL Sports Complex's artificial turf.

Carol heads to Mexico

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The CNMI's Carol Lee has completed her tournaments in South Korea and is going to Mexico later this week to compete in two ITF Juniors event.

Lee played in the 2018 Seogwipo Asia/Oceania Closed Junior Championships and bowed out of competition early when she fell to Japanese and No. 16 seed Saki Imamura in last Monday's singles contest, 2-6, 2-6. In her other tournament in South Korea—the 2018 Lee Duk Hee Cup Chuncheon International Junior Tennis Championships—she made it to the quarterfinals of the doubles event after losing in the first round in the singles last week.

The 16-year-old and her teammate, Thailand's Lunda Kumhom, won over entries Eunchae Kim and Ha Yeong Ryu of South Korea, 6-3, 6-4, at Chuncheon Songam Sports Town Tennis Courts in Chuncheon to march into the quarterfinals. Lee and Kumhom were then beaten by South Korea's Yeon Woo Ku and Chinese-Taipei's Chao-Yi Wang, 6-0, 7-5. In the singles competition, South Korea's Dayeon Back eliminated Lee, 6-1, 6-2.

"I did not meet my goals for the two tournaments in South Korea. I'm disap-

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Carol Lee is going to Mexico to compete in two ITF Juniors tournament this month.

Ji Hoon and 'The Crank' join Yutu relief efforts

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho and Ji Hoon Heo are no longer based on Saipan, but they can still be relied on when it matters the most.

Camacho, who now resides in Guam, and the Mississippi-based Heo are with groups that organize relief efforts for Saipan and Tinian after the two islands were struck by Super Typhoon Yutu late last month. The MMA fighter is with Sons of Saipan and a day after Yutu hit the Marianas, he called on his friends and supporters for donations via "The Crank" Supplies Drive in Guam. Items collected were then brought by SOS and handed over to Marianas Young Professionals to be distributed to the typhoon victims.

Heo, the former CNMI No. 1 junior player, on the other hand, led the creation of a website (yutureliief.com) and Facebook account (NMI-Super Typhoon Yutu Relief Resource Group) to guide former Saipan residents on how to send help to the battered islands. The two serve as the online directory that organizes all the Yutu relief efforts around the U.S. Guam and NMI and as of this week, the Facebook group has nearly 1,000 members. Donation drop-off points, shipment dates, and list of reliefs needed are posted at the Facebook group.

"We have over 900 members (979 as of last Monday) who are working together to help the islands," said Heo, who monitored the super typhoon even before it slammed Saipan and Tinian.

"I started following before it hit and I was worried about Saipan and then it got to a category 5. I was really wor-

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho gestures as he poses with the relief goods that were sent to victims of Super Typhoon Yutu on Saipan and Tinian.